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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN TO SANTA—CROWDS IN GOTHAM—RICH AND POOR—ILLUSTRATED IN A SPECIAL PAGE IN TOMORROW'S SUN.

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THE WEATHER.

The lowest temperature in New England last night was 12 degrees above zero at Eastport. It was then 16 degrees above at Boston. The coldest point in the northeast was 4 degrees above at Quebec and Montreal. The mercury in the southwestern states was above freezing, ranging from 38 to 66 degrees. The present indications for New England are fair for Tuesday afternoon or night. The temperature will rise slowly, but probably little if any above freezing; northerly winds, becoming variable.

ALMANAC, MONDAY, DEC. 20.
Sun rises—7:18; sets, 4:11.
High water—7:35 a. m.; 8:10 p. m.
Moon rises—3:37 a. m.

ANOTHER BLAZE

Kept the Firemen Busy Yesterday.

LIEUTENANT WEBSTER SUSTAINED AN ACCIDENT.

By Falling on an Icy Sidewalk.

Again our hard-worked fire department went up against a hard job, at which by strenuous efforts they came out ahead in a short time.

Shortly after noon yesterday, a brisk blaze broke out in the 2½ story wooden tenement block, owned by Martin Moran, and occupied by 14 tenants, at the corner of Church and Lawrence streets. A spark from a chimney in one end of the building set fire to the shingle roof and fanned by a brisk breeze, the flames quickly spread, the entire roof being threatened. An alarm was quickly rung in and the Department lost no time in getting upon the scene.

In the meantime, the tenants in one of the upper tenements threw their household effects from a top window to the street, a number of articles becoming entangled in the wires. Owing to the intense cold, the water froze where it fell, and as the building is a combination of stairways and clothes sheds the firemen worked with great difficulty.

LIEUT. WEBSTER INJURED.

There was one accident reported, the victim of which was Lieut. James Webster. The latter was leaving the house and in going down the steps from the front door to the sidewalk slipped on the newly formed ice and fell, striking his shoulder with force against a post, dislocating that member. He was taken to his home in the ambulance.

The tenements that suffered most are occupied by families named Malone and Donnelly. An entire new roof will be needed, but the loss to the building is covered by insurance.

A NEEDLESS ALARM.

The alarm from box 125 last evening gave the department a run for nothing. A burning chimney on Lewis street caused some frightened individual to sound an alarm.

"The Patentgate," a new comic opera, is in rehearsal for presentation at the Highland people tnoin hr y p p p pp Highland clubhouse by Lowell young people.

Drs. Babbitt & Son, the opticians and eye specialists of 15 John street, used their stereopticon last night to the interest and amusement of a large number of people. Some of the views were very interesting, some amusing, and others instructive. These men have a very wide reputation for first class work in their profession, and are certainly live men. They expect to throw on the screen tonight, with other views, a dozen comical pictures entitled "A Night with a Baby." Their display will be worth seeing.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

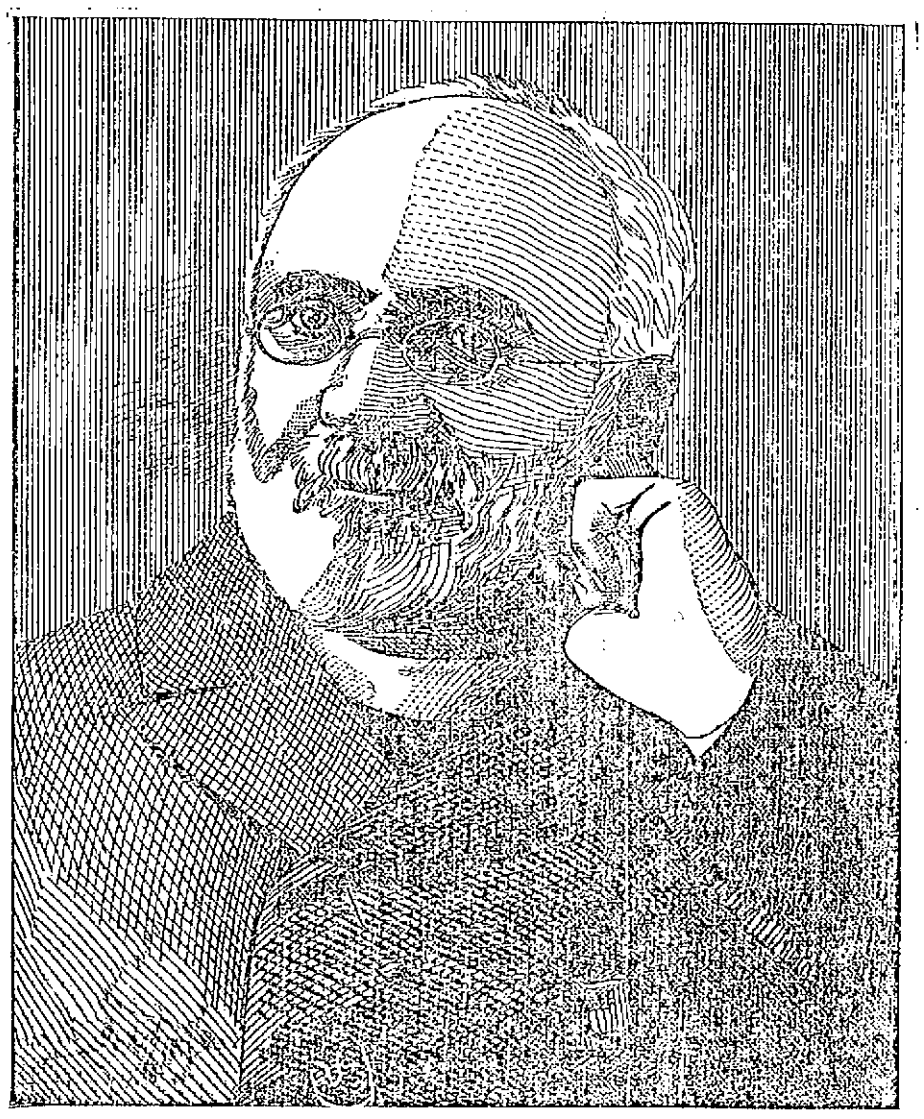
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REV. FR. SCULLY, President Archdiocesan Total Abstinence Union.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE MEN

In Session With Rev. Fr. Scully at Cambridge.

Preparing for a Big Convention to be Held Next July—Lowell Men Attend.

The national convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union will be held in Boston next July.

The societies of the archdiocesan union, through delegates, are arranging for this grand meeting and yesterday, the first meeting of the central committee was held.

Edward F. Slattery and James O'Sullivan of this city were among those who attended. The meeting was held in Aquinas hall, Cambridgeport.

After an informal reception to the president, he led the way to the "gym," where tables were set for everybody at the expense of the president.

The hall was beautifully decorated, and the four long tables were none too large to seat all present. After the opening prayer by Father Scully, all were seated, with the president and the board of government, county directors and executive committee of the national convention at the head of the table.

After cigars had been passed around, Fr. Scully called the gathering to order and after explaining the nature of the gathering, he paid a glowing tribute to the good that has been accomplished by the various societies in the past. "Such gatherings as these," he said, "help to propagate the order, for by them we become better know to each other, and learn to know that we are one family, headed by Pope Leo XIII, who has, by his pen and by words of commendation, given strength to the cause of total abstinence."

The speaker then introduced Fr. John Mundy as a man who only a short time ago had an interview with the Pope and a man who could better give the opinion of the head of the Roman Catholic church on the great crusade against the liquor habit.

After telling the audience of his experience at the Holy See, Fr. Mundy said that he, as well as the head of the church, deprecated the crimes caused by the power of money in propagating divorces, and after telling of the Pope's stand in labor matters, he made a brief review of intemperance, which, he said, "causes more dissatisfaction and breaks up more happy homes than any other evil." He then read Pope Leo's letter to the clergy of the world, in which he blessed all engaged in the total abstinence movement.

In introducing the next speaker, to respond to the toast, "The President of the United States," Fr. Scully said he knew of no better democrat than Fr. William Dwyer. Fr. Dwyer warmly commended President McKinley for his action in raising a member of the Catholic church, Mr. McKenna, to the Supreme bench.

Continuing, he said that there are no more loyal Americans than citizens of Catholic faith, for the church has declared that a nation of drunkards can never be prosperous, and everything contrary to the constitution of the United States is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic church.

Fr. John Lowery of St. Paul responded to the toast of "Archbishop Ireland," whom he styled the Father Mathew of the West. Said he: "When the archbishop founded a temperance society some 35 years ago, he took the first pledge in the presence of several young men who had been decorating the city for some days previous, but had come to Fr. Ireland for the pledge that would and did redeem them from the curse of drink.

Fr. Scully, in introducing Fr. Reilly, the assistant pastor of the church, warmly praised Archbishop Williams for his firm stand against all that can intoxicate. Fr. Reilly, who responded in a brief manner to "Archbishop Williams" drew attention to the fact that at the golden jubilee the archbishop's instructions were that wine must be kept from the banquet table.

Secretary Mulready responded to "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts," Past President Christopher Fay responded to "The C.T.A.U. of Boston," and proudly extolled the virtues of Fr. Scully as "a man who could boast of having under his supervision 2000 young men who had never seen in their midst a licensed barroom."

E. F. Slattery of Lowell responded for the ladies' auxiliary. Mr. Grady for the press, and a short address was given by Mr. McSorley, a lifelong friend of Fr. Scully, who had received the pledge of total abstinence from Fr. Mathew.

The other addresses were made by Charles E. Fleming of Malden and Vice President J. A. Sheehan for the county directors and the subordinate societies.

Among those who offered valuable suggestions as to the best means of raising funds to defray the expense of the national convention were Mr. O'Sullivan of this city, ex-State Pres. Conley of Charlestown, and Dr. Couch of Somerville.

The executive committee in charge of the national convention consists of Fr. Scully, James Conley, C. Fay, Edwin Mulready, Jeremiah J. Crowley, Mrs. Patrick Coyle, James F. Welsh, John H. Toland, and O. T. O'Leary.

PERSONAL.

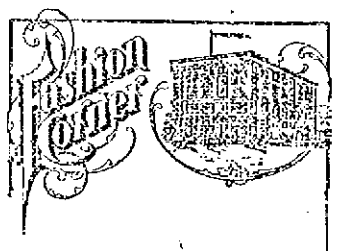
Mr. W. Arthur Burrington of Worthen street spent Sunday with friends in Malden.

Rev. John S. Colby, who has been for the past three months pursuing special studies at Andover seminary, assumes charge of a Congregational church in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 1. He is calling on old friends here this week and will also visit in New Hampshire [illegible] starting for the West.

Members of the Billerica Historical Society have in rehearsal an historical play, to be presented early in the new year.

D. H. Laporte and other property owners in the Little Canada district are talking of erecting a building in that section in which will be located a hall to be used on public occasions.

Administrators' sale of three prime corner lots belonging to the estate of the late Robert D. Nesmith, 6031 square feet, corner of Chelmsford and Midland street, 6865 square feet, corner of Chelmsford and Forest street, 5821 square feet corner of Blodgett and Forrest street, Thursday, December 23. Commencing promptly at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, we shall sell without limit or reserve, to the highest bidder, totally regardless of condition of the weather, three splendid lots of land for improvement, directly on the line of the street railway and the only lots on the estate not already improved. They are but eight or ten minutes' ride from Merrimack Square by the electric cars; are among the best located lots on the three streets mentioned; have a beautiful growth of fine shade trees all about them; also a number of well developed fruit trees. Summer or winter, spring or fall, they are very attractive; there are few lots in Lowell today at the price they will sell for, that are so convenient and accessible to all parts of the city, that are so pleasantly situated, that will make so desirable homes, and that have better prospects in the near future of most decidedly increased valuation. The sale will begin promptly at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Snow, rain, or shine. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. You are now notified of more than an ordinary opportunity. If you allow it to pass unheeded, you alone are to blame. J. E. Conant & Co., in charge. Samuel N. Nesmith, Franklin E. Nesmith administrators.



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THE BOYS.

Our special offering for the boys during Xmas week is a lot of Boys' Sweaters—all of pure Worsted yarn, with stripes on collar, cuffs and body—in a dozen color combinations—sailor or roll collar—these we are selling this week at fifty cents less than actual value.

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Opp. City Hall, Merrimack Clothing Company.

POLICE NOTES.

Inspectors Goodwin and Donaldson made a peculiar raid yesterday morning which resulted in the arrest of Thomas Canfield, of 7 Pond street. Suspecting that Canfield was doing an illegal business, they visited the house and were met by a locked door. When they got in, they claim that Canfield had emptied the contents of a jug into the sink. Mrs. Canfield, they allege, sat upon a chair in a manner that made them suspicious and they asked her to get up. She declined, pleading illness, but after several requests, it is said got up and as she walked away a bottle of liquor dropped from somewhere and they took it.

A HILARIOUS INDIAN.

Frank Anderson, the bluff Indian, who advertises the local Zoo, got an overdose of firewater on Saturday night and it is said started out on the warpath. He bothered a number of women, it is alleged, until he met Officer J. H. Crowley. After that he was no bother to any one except himself.

SWAPPED HORSES.

A man living on Willie street left his gray horse and democrat wagon standing on Central street Saturday night and a Chelmsford farmer left his gray horse and wagon nearby. The farmer got an abundance of wet goods within him and then started for home, taking the wrong horse. The Willie street man on finding his horse gone, told the police, while at an early hour yesterday morning Officer Hogan found the farmer's horse up near the fair grounds and put it up in McNulty's stable. When the Chelmsford man discovered his mistake, he returned the horse to the police station, the cards were shuffled and all concerned held trumps.

FOR ALLEGED LARCENY.

Heberts Corbett was arrested by Officer John W. Fox for drunkenness and alleged larceny of handbags from women.

A BLOODY AFFAIR.

Leonard Blond of North Billerica was arrested by Chief Conway of North Billerica Saturday for alleged breaking and entering.

RAID IN BENT'S COURT.

The police raided a house in Bent's court between 5 and 6 o'clock Saturday evening and arrested four women and one man for drunkenness.

BUNCO STEERER REED.

The friends of John Reed, the alleged bunco steerer who operated here and was captured in Clinton November 11, are exerting all their energies to secure his freedom.

Reed is now held in $2000 bonds for the grand jury for assault upon an officer with intent to kill. He is confined in the house of correction at Worcester.

This week, persons from New York, interested in his liberation, have been laboring in his behalf and Saturday, two well known members of the sporting fraternity of Boston were in Worcester, all armed with money to meet every requirement.

They went there thinking that bail could be furnished for Reed's appearance at the proper time upon all the charges against him. Arrangements had been made with owners of real estate in Worcester to go on Reed's bond, they to be secured by having placed in their possession a sum of money equal to the amount of the sureties demanded.

Reed's interests were in the hands of W. A. Gile of Worcester, while District Attorney Parker represented the government. But the mission was not the anticipated success. The district attorney had no hesitation relative to accepting sureties in the alleged assault case, but before the ball could be furnished in the Gardner case Reed must be arraigned and the bonds specified by the court of that district. No bonds can be furnished in Worcester county for an alleged crime committed in another county. If sureties were deposited for the cases in Worcester county, Reed would at once be arrested for the alleged crime committed in the other counties, and so on to the end of the chapter.

The plan, as now mapped out by Reed's associates, is to begin at once and try to arrange with the district attorneys of the other counties to furnish sureties on the other charges. The desire is to get Reed out on bail before his case in this county comes to trial. There is money enough in the pool to furnish bail, even if the amount required runs well into the thousands.

POLICE COURT.

It was a choice and weirdly picturesque groupe of female offenders lined up to the number of 10 before Judge Hadley. It was "Ladies' Day," in fact. All were charged with drunkenness and three were released.

In addition to the feminine contingent, there were 23 of the opposite sex charged with drunkenness.

Frank Anderson, the "Indian" who while drunk, assaulted an unknown woman by throwing his arms about her, was fined $15.

Fred Cheney was fined $11 for drunkenness and larceny of $1.50.

Mary Lennon, third offence for drunkenness, goes to jail for four months.

Thomas Kelliher was fined $10 to be paid in three days or three months in jail.

James O'Brien got four months in jail.

Thomas Canfield, charged with illegally keeping liquor, was found guilty and was fined $50.

Mary A. Calnan, one of the drunks, received four months in jail.

John Grant in on the charge of non-support, preferred by his wife, who was not so badly neglected, as the evidence showed, promised to take the pledge and was put on probation.

SUCCESSFUL MISSION

CONDUCTED AT THE CITY FARM LAST WEEK.

During the last three days of last week a mission was conducted at the City Farm by Rev. Fr. McRory, O.M.I., and Rev. Fr. Paquette, O.M.I. Services were held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on the last day Rev. Fr. Sirois, O.M.I., and Rev. Fr. Fletcher, O.M.I., heard confessions. Yesterday morning mass was celebrated at the institution and there were 300 communicants.

2 O'CLOCK

THE CITY ENGINEER

Appeared Before the County Commissioners Today.

CLIMBING UP CITY HALL FLAG STAFF.

To Replace the Broken Ropes.

City Engineer Bowers, acting under authority of a vote of the City Council appeared before the county commissioners today in relation to the petition to define the lines of, and to widen Andover street from Nesmith street to the city line. The commissioners voted to grant a hearing on the matter Monday January 31.

It is probable that there will be a special meeting of the aldermen tonight, to act on the petitions for a recount. The registrars are anxious to begin the work as soon as possible.

Tomorrow night here will be an adjourned meeting of the aldermen and a special meeting of the council.

The committee on accounts of the school board will meet tomorrow night.

The rope on the flagstaff on City Hall has rotted away, and today, one of John Cross' men will climb the 60-foot pole and make the fastenings to the pulleys at the top.

DEATHS.

HEATH—Bridget Heath, aged 55 years, wife of Patrick Heath, died Saturday afternoon. Funeral tomorrow morning from St. Michael's church.

GORMLEY—Ann Maria Gormley, aged 57 years, wife of Frank J. Gormley, died yesterday at 99 White street. Funeral tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's church.

NELSON—Peter A. W. Nelson, aged 37 years, died yesterday at his home, in 2 rear of 27 Agawam street.

SWETT—Esther M. Swett, aged 83 years, died today at 1619 Middlesex street.

MELLEN—Hugh Mellen, aged 63 years, a resident of Lowell for forty years and a man respected by all who knew him, died yesterday at his home 51 Wamesit street. He was a devout member of St. Peter's church and had many friends who will be pained to learn of his death.

He was the father of Hugh J. Mellen, proprietor of the Winthrop on Middlesex street and leaves three other sons, John, and Joseph, clerks at the Winthrop, Edward J., assistant janitor of the court house and three daughters, Mary J., a teacher in the Green evening school, Annie and Ella Mellen.

The funeral will take place from St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

TYLER—Artemas Lawrence Tyler, son of Artemas S. Tyler, died at his father's home in Fairmount street, Saturday morning, aged 37 years. He was born in Lowell in 1860 and attended the Lowell public schools. After graduating from the High school, he studied in Woburn under Mr. Burbank, a former teacher in the Lowell High school. He then attended the Institute of Technology in Boston for three years, after which time he became an assistant professor in that institution, remaining one year. He then went abroad and studied in Europe for a year and subsequently did newspaper work in Boston. In October, 1891, he married Florence, daughter of Henry Whittier, deceased.

FUNERALS.

WELCH—The funeral of Edward L. Welch occurred Saturday afternoon from the home of his parents, 28 Newhall street. The bearers were Masters Willie Sadler, Jimmie Coyne, Freddy Brady and Freddy Campbell. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

SULLIVAN—The funeral of Dennis Sullivan took place from St. Patrick's church this morning. Rev. Fr. Burke conducted a requiem high mass. The pall bearers were Patrick Mahoney, John Connors, John Cowhig, Cornelius Hart, Daniel Hart, and Walter Hickey. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Gen. Fiske lodge of Good Templars will hold their monthly social in the vestry of the Highland M. E. church this evening.

In payment of an election bet, Michael E. O'Brien conveyed George H. Holt in a wheelbarrow around Market, Worthen and Merrimack streets, Saturday night.

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MUSIC HALL.

"WHITE CROOK."

The "White Crook" still keeps moving under the admirable management of Mr. F. Rush, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Music hall the entire organization will be seen in two merry satires, the "U. S. Yacht Club," and the "Klondike Millionaires." Both are beautifully staged and serve to introduce many pretty women stunningly gowned, who can sing, dance and act in an acceptable manner and are to be specially commended for the vigor and activity with which they go through the most difficult marches, ballets and concerted evolutions.

The Cincinatti Enquirer said of "A Romance in Coon Hollow," which appears at Music Hall December 20 for three nights: "If a thing of beauty is a joy forever," Coon Hollow must be just lovely, as it is nightly delighting splendid houses. The scene showing the band of colored boys and girls in songs and dances fairly brings down the house. It differs from the Pickaninny band in "Old Kentucky" and the rising sun rouners of "Blue Jeans," and yet is fully the equal of either. Better than this the play has an interesting and consistent plot, with refined comedy and the strongly drawn characters have a splendid company to interpret them. The scenic effects are simply magnificent. "A Romance of Coon Hollow comes to Music Hall with a great reputation which it is amply justifying by packing The Bowdoin Square in Boston at every performance this week.

John A. Nichols will lecture in the Worthen Street M. E. church December 26, on the "Battle for Home."

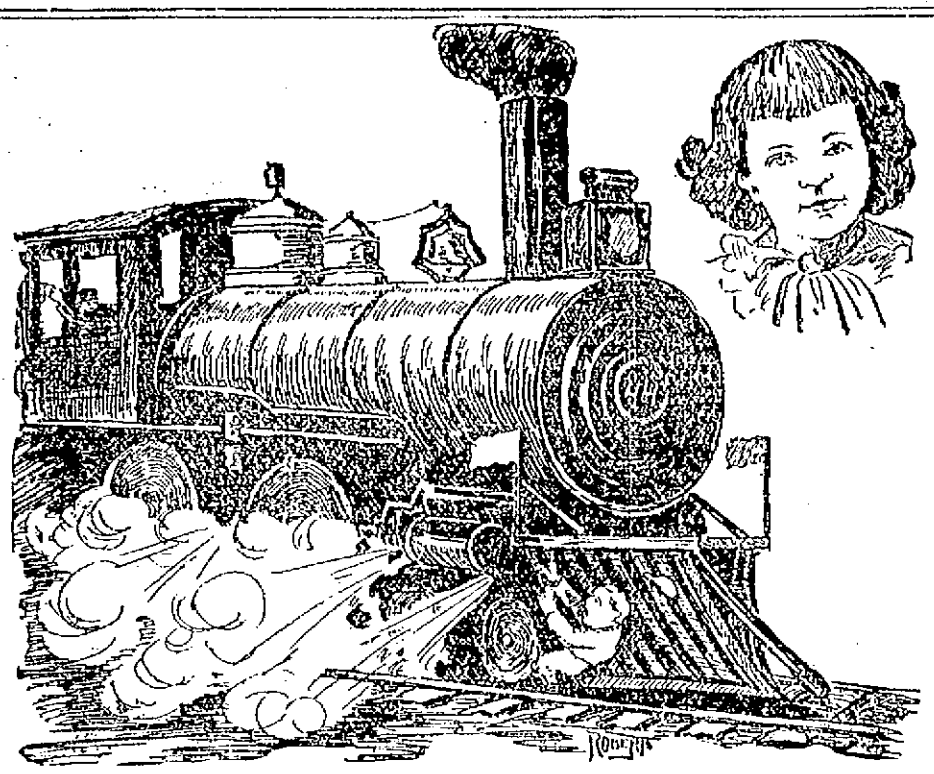
Christmas Day, members of St. Patrick's parish and others interested, on invitation of Rev. Michael O'Brien, P. R., will have an opportunity to inspect the new building on Cross street, designed for a working girls' home.

"America's Debt to Catholicity," will be the subject of Henry Austin Adams' lecture January 2, in aid of the Working girls' home.

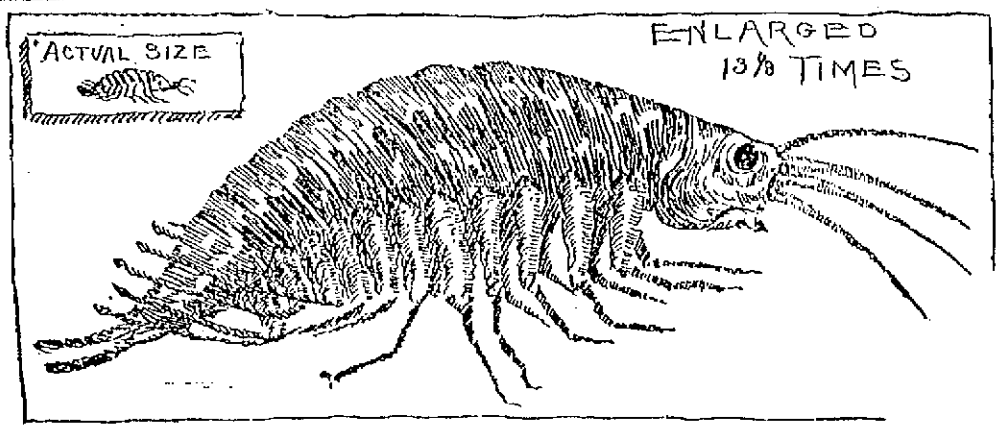
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ALBERT E. BRIGGS, the twelve-year old boy who was killed Saturday on the B. & M. track, near the Northern Depot.



THE FRESHWATER SHRIMP, WHICH IS ABUNDANT IN LOWELL WATER.

SHRIMPS FOUND

In the Water Now Supplying the City.

THEY ABOUND IN BROOKLYN WATER ALSO.

Are Not Believed to be Dangerous.

The city of Brooklyn, like the city of Lowell draws its water for domestic purposes from driven wells. The citizens of that city, as in Lowell, are constantly and justly finding fault because of odors and living creatures which come from the faucets. What these creatures are has not been explained by the gentlemen of the Lowell water board; nor does it appear that they have troubled themselves to investigate and explain. We take pleasure in bringing to their attention some valuable information. Ever anxious for revenue, we suggest the setting of catch nets for these creatures and the starting of new industries instead of having pleasurable fishing parties at the reservoir for suckers: it may increase the income of the Board.

These creatures are fresh water shrimp; they are ugly-looking; they are highly nutritious; they make an excellent fish chowder or a choice soup. Therefore, why not start soup houses? The authority for so doing is excellent. They inhabit all reservoirs and ponds fed by underground springs and the owners of trout brooks go to great pains to secure them as residents of their streams. They are scavengers to a certain extent, but trout grow fat on them. They attain their greatest size in the late fall.

"You can't keep such animals out of any reservoir," said Mr. Jackson, the chemist at the Brooklyn reservoir, "but if you object to them as articles of diet, you can avoid them by filtering the water. If you can't afford a filter, you can at least afford a small piece of cheesecloth, which you can place over the nozzle of the faucet. They would harm no one. As a matter of fact, I think they would prove very nourishing. Take a quart or two of the water and you might perhaps get up a very edible fish chowder at practically no cost."

Dr. Deane, director of the New York Aquarium views the little creatures with much curiosity.

"Well," he said, "I picked a hydra, or miniature devil fish out of Croton water a few days ago, but I haven't run across the isopod lately. I send a man regularly to the Bronx river to capture them, as I give the white fish here nothing else except minnows. I should not object to swallowing a mouthful of them, although I presume some people would."

Professor David L. Brainard who was the natural historian of the famous Greeley expedition to the Arctic, greets them as if they were old chums. His lips actually quiver as he looks at them.

"Dear old friends," he said; "they saved many a life when we were in the frozen seas. Why, we lived on those little fellows. They staved off the cannibalism which the press has said came with the expedition. These tiny creatures rae much more numerous in the frigid seas than hereabouts. When we were almost starving and did not know when the end would come, we would put an old bone over the side of the ship into the water. This would attract the gammari and when they were congregated about the bone, we would scoop them up with a fine net. When we had a sufficient number we would throw them into a pot and mixing in the leather from old shoes, would boil the mess until we had a very excellent soup indeed.

"Really, Lowell should not object to them. I found them delicious, only I think I prefer them cooked."

These isopod creatures belong to the same family as the sand flea or sand hopper. They propagate in the cold water beneath the surface and are always the intimate friends of the so-called driven well water. So long as the system remains in practice in Lowell, the Water Board will have an abundant supply.

MONEY VOTED

FOR A NEW SCHOOL IN TOWN OF DRACUT.

A special town meeting was held in Dracut Saturday in the basement of the Yellow Meeting House to take action on the purchase of a lot and the erection of a new four-room schoolhouse at the Centre. E. A. Stevens was moderator, and there were about 88 voters present. Some opposition was raised on the claim of unnecessary expense, but the proposition was carried by a two to one vote. The sum of $2000 was appropriated for the purchase of the lot, and $10,000 was voted for the schoolhouse.

C. H. Stickney and E. A. Stevens were appointed a building committee. The committee voted to open No. 9 schoolhouse near Kenwood.

VETERAN FIREMEN.

On account of the Huntington hall fire, the annual ball of the General Butler Veteran Firemen will be held in Associate hall, December 31. The organization is making great preparations for the success of the affair. The 150 members have secured a new uniform of the old-time New York style, and are determined to win fresh laurels for Lowell, as the society did in 1875 and 1876.

First class printing done at this office.

STORY IS UNTRUE.

FRENCH FAMILIES ARE REMAINING IN HERE.

An effort is being made by the Canadian government to coax back their countrymen who have come from that country to the United States with the object in view of earning an easier and better livelihood.

The influx of Canadians into this country, has, during the past ten or fifteen years, been very large, so large in fact that those who have had the interest of this country at heart have felt alarmed. It was in consequence of this feeling that the Dominion Parliament voted at last session $800 for the repatriation scheme of the Quebec and St. John railroad company, and very recently the general manager of the company was in Ottawa to report to the government the account of the company's doings.

The story had gained circulation that large numbers of Canadians throughout New England were going back to their native country, and that a large number of families in Lowell were to move back to that country.

The story is not true, and at the present time very few Canadians in this city are contemplating any such move. But it is true that a few families have moved from this city to Canada during the last few months, but the number is no increase over the number of the same month in previous years.

As in years gone by there are a great many more Canadians moving into this city than there are moving away, and when they once take up their residence here, they are loathe to go away.

WANETA CLUB.

The Waneta club met yesterday afternoon and elected officers for one year as follows: President, Henry L. Bourke; treasurer, William F. Higgins; secretary, Timothy V. Wholey. It was decided to hold no ball this season. This will be regretted by many, as the Waneta club has had the name of managing delightful parties.

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The Late OWEN A. GALVIN, a distinguished lawyer of Boston.

LITERARY NOTES.

That gifted authoress, Miss Louise Imogen Guiney of Boston, who is well known in this city from her frequent visits to her uncle, Mr. William Guiney, and from having read before the Catholic Union a few years ago, is still acquiring fresh laurels in the wide fields of literature. A new volume of her essays, entitled "Patrins," recently issued by Copeland and Day of Boston, is highly praised by the literary magazines for its elegance of style and beauty of diction. "Patrins," the title of this collection of essays is applied to the gypsy trail of handfuls of leaves or cut grass strewn along their way to show their followers in what direction they have gone. It is a strange title, but is happily applied to this volume, made up as it is of essays which had previously appeared in leading magazines. There is an even score of these essays and although we may have failed to notice much that is meritorious in several of them on account of a hasty perusal, those that strike the writer as the ablest are "The Under Dog," "Irish" and "Wilful Sadness in Literature." The style of all her essays is concise and forcible, while her command of language seems unlimited. Her diction is dignified and expressive. The text is gemmed over, as it were, with a wealth of classic allusion, so that while the reader is carried along in the narrative, he is entertained with pleasing pictures on either side his path. Miss Guiney is strongly opposed to extreme sadness in literature, as might be assumed from the tone of cheerfulness that prevades all her writings. "Patrins" is a book of great literary merit and would make a good holiday gift.

The "Bookseller, Newdealer and Stationer," which is a very readable semi-monthly magazine devoted to current literature, has issued a very handsome Christmas number in which all the best of recent novels are reviewed, as well as the Christmas numbers of the magazines.

"The Outlook" for December has the concluding chapter of Gladstone's Life by Justin McCarthy. A good many people wonder how a gentleman who has so recently been the leader of the Irish parliamentary party can write as does Mr. McCarthy in terms of unstinted praise of Mr. Gladstone, whose retirement disappointed not only him but the Irish nation. Mr. McCarthy glosses over the manner in which Gladstone abandoned the Irish movement, more as an apologist, than as an opponent. His essays may prove interesting to the admirers of the "Grand Old Man," but nobody can digest the far-fetched adulation lavished upon him in this article without a feeling of contempt for Mr. McCarthy. He may not have felt that while he was writing Gladstone "up" he was writing himself "down"—as a political toady.

In the same number of "The Outlook" there is a very interesting sketch of the house of Jane Barlow, the daughter of a Dublin professor, and the latest Irish aspirant for fame in the realms of poetry. Her book entitled "Irish Idylls," published by Dodd, Mead & Co., of New York, is meeting with a ready sale in this country.

The latest literary craze is "Quo Vadis" translated from the Polish of Henryk Sienkiewicz by Jere. Curtin. It is a historical romance, portraying life in the days of Nero, when the light of Christianity was dawning upon Rome, then the centre of the civilized world. It is a novel which is entertaining and at the same time instructive. It has run through many editions since its first appearance in the English language.

Joseph Smith, clerk of the Board of Police, finds time to devote considerable attention to literature. His latest production in this line appears in the current issue of Harper's Weekly, and is entitled "Rory Lynch," a story founded on fact. It is illustrated by an engraving by Broughton. Mr. Smith wields a clever pen.—Sunday Press.

The Boston Herald has the following on the passing of a great French novelist:

The French nation loses its greatest novelist in the death of Alphonse Daudet. His mind was broader and his aims in fiction were more legitimate than was the case with any of his home contemporaries. He has been compared to Dickens, but he was less a specialist than was the latter. Dickens was essentially a humorist, and there was a tone of caricature in the bulk of his work. He was a moralist also, which Daudet did not aspire to be. The latter's pictures of life and character are effective without exaggeration. He had the power of ridicule through satire, but much of the effect is lost to American readers in his avowedly satirical work under the disadvantages of translation. His most popular book and that which most strictly confines itself to the sphere of the novelist, pure and simple, is published in this country with the title "Sidonie." There is a study of character here which is more after the manner of Thackeray than that of Dickens and which stamps him as a great novelist. His most painful book is "Jack," and it is exceedingly graphic in its depiction of abused human nature. His political novels of modern times, "Kings in Exile" and "The Nabob," are books of real power. He differed from most of his French contemporary novelists in writing for a wider audience than is found in his countrymen. Daudet was more than a Frenchman in literature. He treated an extended range of life in his fiction and did it always with rare ability. There may be those who will rate Zola in the same rank of distinction, but Zola seems hardly to aspire to it when the character of his work is taken into account. We can hardly account Balzac or Victor Hugo as Daudet's model. He was not great in the class of either of these writers, but he came the nearer to being their worthy successor of any one who followed them in French literature. Paul Bourget is probably Daudet's ablest successor as purely the novelist, but he is with more of emphasis confined to being a French novelist.

BASKET BALL.

At the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium Saturday evening, the Nashua Y.M.C.A. basket ball team defeated the Lowell Y.M.C.A. team 18 to 9, and the Y.M.C.A. Juniors defeated the Lowell High school team 9 to 4. The games were hotly contested. The line-up:

NASHUA.		LOWELL.
Doyle, l. f.		l. f., Snyder
Blood, r. f.		r. f., Williston
Ring, b.		b., Ferris
Colburn, r. g.		r. g., Wilson
Wood, l. g.		l. g., Kierstead

L. H. S.		JUNIORS.
Bagley, l. f.		l. f., Pearson
Wilkinson, r. f.		r. f., Healey
Brown, c.		c., McGrayne
White, l. g.		l. g., Wilson
Tyrrell, r. g.		r. g., Jones

JEWISH FEAST.

The Lowell Hebrew Children's Literary school observed the feast of Hanukah last night. The exercises were as follows:

"The Maccabees," (in Hebrew) by A. Parsky; "The Future of Israel," (in English) by Ed. Savatskin; "The Little Oil Flask," a sermon in Hebrew by A. Goldberg; "The Heroes of Israel," (in English) by E. Cohen; "The Heroes of Maccabees," (in English) by L. Goodman; "The Sacred Candles," by Miss Kate Tabriski and LIH Yacter; "Mon," a Hebrew song, by the Hebrew class. There who also speaking by Messrs. Parsky, Savatskin, and Y. S. Laffett.

Mr. F. E. Saunders delivered a very instructive lecture on the subject of meteorology at Odd Fellows' hall, Billerica, Saturday evening.

REV. DR. STRATTON

WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR FIFTH YEAR.

Rev. Dr. Stratton, pastor of St. Paul's church, announced last evening that he would not be a candidate for the pastorate of the church for a fifth year.

He said he believed a change both for himself and for the church, all things being considered, would be most for the honor of God, whom we serve.

He expressed a strong love for his people, especially those who had been added to the church during his pastorate, and earnestly wished that the the largest degree of success which was possible to the church and parish, might be in store for old St. Paul's in the future. He exhorted all present to seek to make the short time remaining of this conference as fruitful for good to the church in all its interests as possible.

CHILDREN AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Capt. John Ford society, Children of the American Revolution, met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Neale, Fort Hill avenue, Saturday afternoon, for the election of officers. The following named were chosen:

Chairman, Miss Alice Sleeper; secretary, Miss Lucy Hall; treasurer, Miss Alice Rowell; registrar, Miss Josephine Boynton; historian, Miss Eleanor Palmer; color bearer, Carl Bicknell.

There was an interesting program of songs and readings.

LE CERCLE GARIN.

The friends and members of Le Cercle Garin were entertained in St. Joseph's college hall, last evening. The following program was rendered:

Piano solo, E. Vincelette; address, Arthur Beauenge; song, A. Gauvin; waltz, "Roumania," A. Martel; declamation, "Le Condemne," H. Daigle; romance, F. Desrosiers; flute duet, F. Woods, C. Bissonette; address, E. H. Choquette; waltz, "Trillings of the Mountain," A. Martel; declamation, Arthur Beaucage; song, A. Gauvin; address, E. H. Choquette; piano solo, Ed. Vincelette.

TO DECIDE A BET.

Editor of The Sun—Please decide a bet through your paper. If a person has a receipted poll tax bill for 1897 is he obliged to pay by law a tax of 1898 or can it be collected?—Subscriber.

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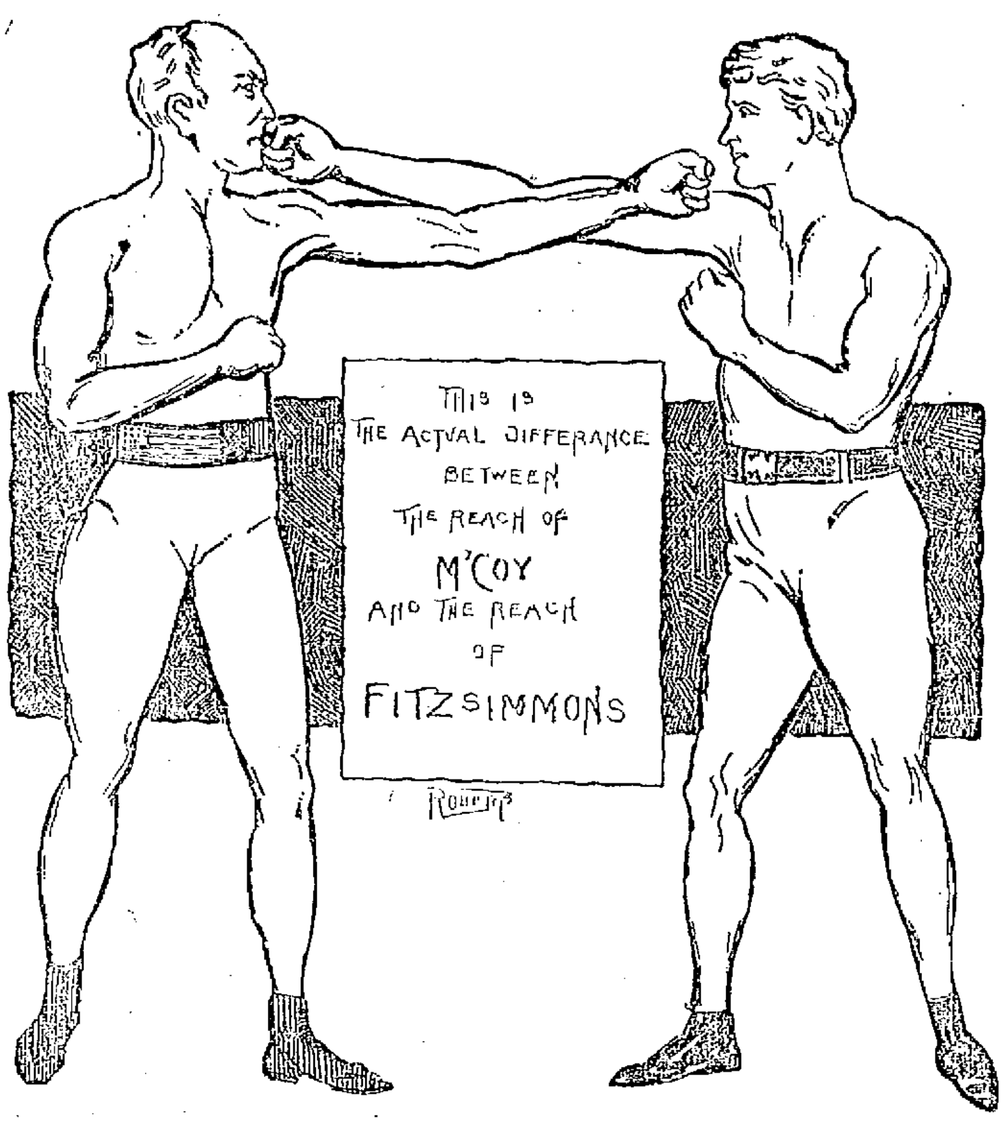
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But Fitzsimmons Says He Has Retired.

Since Kid McCoy's comparatively easy victory over Dan Creedon has shown him to be the star middleweight of the world, excepting Fitzsimmons, the followers of the ring are recalling Dan Stuart's prophecy made at Carson City, to the effect that in four years McCoy would be the champion of the world and are concluding that the famous manager told more truth than poetry when he made the remark.

A year has not yet passed and McCoy stands before the world a logical aspirant for the scalp of the lanky Robert. But with a spirit that makes the old-time sport sigh for the good old days when big John L. held the championship against the world, "Fitz" declines to fight any more. He has won the championship, but declines to defend it.

McCoy says over his signature:

"I will fight Bob Fitzsimmons a finish fight. I have challenged him through my manager and I am now waiting for his reply. He claims to be in his prime today. So am I. I am ready when he is.

—Charles (Kid) McCoy.

John L. Sullivan, speaking on the matter, says:

"I think any man who is a fighter and especially a champion, should always be ready to defend his title against all comers. Fitz evidently thinks differently. He has earned his title and is taking things easy. If he is the real fighter I think he is, he will soon be ready again to put up his hands before any aspirant, Corbett, McCoy, or any of them.

"Fitz should fight Corbett if he ever intends to go into the ring again. He can make $20,000 on it, and that is more than he can make in the theatrical business. He can beat Corbett easy. Both fought like old women at Carson, but Bob can beat him again. A champion should fight or get out of the ring. I met all comers among white men, and Fitz should do the same or quit. Fitz is the best in his class, but he is a fool if he does not fight Jim Corbett again.

"A man who has chosen the business of fighting for a living, ought to stand by it and fight just as long as he can. When he can't fight any longer, it is time for him to quit, but when he is in good condition, like Fitz, let him face the music."

The comparative measurements of Fitzsimmons, Creedon, and McCoy are as follows:

Fitzsimmons—Weight, 168 pounds; height, 5 ft., 11¾ inches; neck, 15 inches; chest normal, 41 inches; chest expanded, 44 inches; waist, 32 inches; thigh, 20 inches; calf, 12½ inches; biceps, 12 inches; forearm, 11½ inches; wrist, 6½ inches; reach, 75¾ inches; age, 36 years.

Creedon—Weight, 165 pounds; height, 5 ft., 8½ inches; neck, 17 inches; chest normal, 38 inches; chest expanded, 43 inches; waist, 35 inches; thigh, 23 inches; calf, 16½ inches; biceps, 14½ inches; forearm, 12 inches; wrist, 8 inches; reach, 72 inches; age, 29 years.

McCoy—Weight, 158 pounds; height, 5 ft., 10¾ inches; neck, 16 inches; chest normal, 37 inches; chest expanded, 41 inches; waist, 34 inches; thigh, 21½ inches; calf, 15¼ inches; biceps, 14 inches; forearm, 11½ inches; wrist, 7½ inches; reach, 76 inches; age, 24 years.

LOCAL NEWS.

Z. W. Sturtevant is added to the names mentioned as probable police comissioner.

It is said that William T. True will be a candidate for superintendent of public buildings in opposition to Mr. Chase.

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Republican aspirants are demanding that before the close of this year an ordinance shall be passed providing for superintendent of commons. At present, it is optional with the committee of that department if they will have such an official.

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HOW TO CHECK CRIME.

The National Prison Association Outlines a Scheme For Improving Morals.

The committee on criminal law reform of the National Prison association in its report the other day states that the progress of crime is something frightful, and declares that it could be most successfully checked by the following changes in the handling of the criminals of the world:

Doing away with technicalities in trials, abolishment of juries, depriving defendants of the right to appeal to a higher court, offering rewards for the discovery and conviction of criminals, abolishment of poverty, removing or restricting the power to pardon, prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors, developing a scientific motherhood, state regulation of marriage, restricting immigration, popular education and colonization of criminals, and the reformation of criminals by the abolition of the definite sentence.

The committee states that some of its suggestions are practically impossible at present, but if followed as closely as possible the morals of the country would be greatly improved and crime be correspondingly decreased.—Boston Herald.

Revival In Wheat Growing.

More land has been sown to wheat than this section has known for 20 years or more, and the planting has been done better, more thoroughly and a larger amount of fertilizer used than ever, and we all hope to eat flour in 1898 that is made pure from wheat alone.—Harlem (Ga.) Sentinel.

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FEAT OF ENDURANCE.

Mrs. Wright Crocheted Curtains Containing 20,000,000 Stitches In Eight Months.

Mrs. Orpha Wright of Chillicothe, O., recently completed, for a wager, a remarkable feat of endurance. She has been inordinately fond of crochet work since her childhood, and some time ago wagered a friend that she could crochet six window curtains, each 4½ yards long by 1½ yards wide, in eight months.

Each spool contains 200 yards. She consumed 244,800 yards of thread in making the curtains. She began the work with an ordinary crochet needle, but found that they were too soft, and a dentist made for her two dozen needles of tempered steel. They were completely worn out before the task was finished, and Mrs. Wright's fingers were almost worn to the bone by the friction of the thread.

She worked from 12 to 14 hours every day and managed to complete the curtains in just eight months almost to the hour. There are over 20,000,000 stitches in the curtains, and in addition to this Mrs. Wright made the 60 tassels which adorn the curtains and braided the 42 yards of cord with which they are draped. The remarkable task resulted in an attack of nervous prostration for the operator, and she has not touched a crochet needle since, and probably never will again, as they excite in her the deepest loathing.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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NEW KIND OF COTTON.

Specimens of "African Limbless" Variety Shown at the Cotton Growers' Convention.

One of the features of the cotton growers' convention at Atlanta the other day was the exhibition of a new variety of cotton known as the "African limbless." In 1893 Adolph Kyle, while wandering over central Africa, came across a new species of giant cotton in the valley of the upper Kongo river. The plant was not under cultivation, but appeared to grow wild on the marsh lands. It differed from other cotton in that many of the stalks were as high as 20 feet, and the bolls were connected directly to the stalk without any intervening limb. Kyle cut off a piece 18 inches long. He placed it in his trunk and finally came here.

Talking to a group in a hotel Kyle related the above incident, and so interested Mr. F. W. Jackson, a planter of Georgia, that the latter asked to see the specimen. Kyle gave it to him, and in the spring of 1894 Jackson planted a large number of seed, obtaining only 67 perfect stalks in his crop. The soil in which he experimented was very poor, and the stalks only averaged 8 feet, with an occasional exception measuring 14 feet. The maximum number of bolls on one stalk was 187, and the ordinary run averaged 57 bolls. The American cotton averages only 8 to 11 bolls to the stalk.

The quality of the new species was found to excel the old greatly. The next year the amount of product was increased slightly, and in 1896 five acres yielded 3½ bales to the acre. The average Georgia planter considers himself fortunate if he gathers three-quarters of a bale to the acre. From the crop of 1896 there is enough seed to plant 2,500 acres. It is expected that with proper fertilization the seed will produce five bales to the acre.

The new variety has five "locks" or divisions to the boll, whereas the old style has only four. The locks in the ordinary variety are only three-quarters of an inch long, while the new kind is 1 to 1½ inches long. While the brand has been indorsed as genuine by Commissioner of Agriculture Nesbitt and others, Colonel R. J. Redding, superintendent of the Georgia state experimental farm, denounces it as spurious and says that it is simply a variety of a weed that grows in many places and which has been brought to high cultivation.—New York Sun.

FEAST IN A BEER CELLAR.

Cincinnati Yale Club Gave a Dinner With Unique Surroundings.

Some 40 members of the Cincinnati Yale club enjoyed a rather unique dinner a few evenings ago. It was served in the malt cellar of a brewery and in true Bohemian style. The bill of fare comprised such toothsome edibles as broiled beefsteak, baked potatoes and quail, with lettuce salad by way of aiding digestion and cool beer as the beverage. The waiters were hands selected from the brewery, and their uniform was the blouse and overalls worn in their daily duties.

The dinner was served promptly at 6:30 and amid such surroundings as those present will not soon forget. Down deep under the earth and surrounded by cold black walls the banquet hall was at first anything but inviting. The flickering lights seemed at first but to intensify the general gloom of the cellar, but this sense of discomfort was soon dispelled by the pleasing fumes of broiling steak and baking potatoes that greeted the sense of smell after a moment's stay. The tables were not overfancy, while the participants had to be content with beer kegs for chairs. But the supper, prepared in the most primitive style, was fit for epicures, and the boys who years ago made merry at Yale approached it with ravishing appetites. And the amber liquid refreshment was quite up to the standard of the supper.

Frank Shaffer, president of the club, acted as master of ceremonies, and after full justice had been done the Bohemian repast, he announced that the programme should be as original as the occasion itself. Each person present would be required to either tell a story or sing a song, and these, if not original, must be new. The penalty fixed for telling a story or singing a song that any one present had heard before would be the telling or singing of another, and so on until something new had been presented. Some of those present got along well enough under this rule, but one poor individual, whose name is withheld for obvious reasons, was kept on his feet nearly an hour telling tales and singing songs. When all had had a turn, they joined in a number of old Yale songs and then adjourned before the clocks struck 12. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

NEW TYPE OF ENGINE.

Cost of Construction Said to Be Much Less Than Present Style.

The Chicago and Erie railroad is building 40 locomotives of an entirely new type for use on the main line between Chicago and New York. The most striking feature in the new engine is the position of the cab, which is placed in front of the steam dome, leaving the boiler and firebox immediately over the driving wheels. Several advantages are claimed for this arrangement. The engineer is given a much clearer view of the track ahead and has better control of the machinery. The heaviest part of the locomotive is over the driving wheels. The area of the boiler is considerably increased and the cost of fuel is greatly reduced.

By an improved arrangement of the firebox the cheapest kind of fuel can be used, and the saving on that score is said to be considerable. The new engine can also be built for 15 per cent less cost than the old type. It is lighter and the wear and tear on the tracks is expected to be much less in consequence. Two firemen will be employed on each engine, one to shovel coal and keep up steam and the other to assist the engineer. The new engines will attain much greater speed and do more work at less cost than the present locomotives.—Chicago Record.

The Credit Money of America.

The cost and inconvenience of transporting money from one part of the country to another was aptly illustrated at Topeka the other day when it became necessary for the Rock Island railroad to send $257,000 to Chicago. If the money had been sent in greenbacks or gold, the express charges would have been $321.50; if in silver, $577.75. But the railroad people rejected all three and made the transfer with a bank draft at a cost of only 2 cents.—Kansas City Journal.

He Draws a Pension For Deafness.

Commissioner Evans of the pension bureau is trying to identify a man in Indiana who is drawing a pension of $30 a month for deafness while acting as the operator of a long distance telephone. The commissioner declares that he will have the case investigated if he can discover who the pensioner is.—Chicago Chronicle.

Too Busy to Sit Down.

Prosperity has recently struck Attleboro Falls, Mass., with a bang. E. W. Cheever has found it necessary to have his shoes tapped, owing to the great amount of business he is obliged to handle each day.

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SEEKS HIS DEAD MASTER.

An Atlanta Policeman Related a Strange and Pathetic Incident.

Policeman Sheppard related a remarkable and most pathetic story recently, one which, strange as it is, is absolutely true.

"There used to be a notorious negro in Atlanta," said he, "by the name of John Malachi. John was well known in police circles, but he rarely ever went so far as to be arrested. He was an outcast and could always be found about the low dives and dens. He had one true friend, a small dog. Wherever the negro went that dog was always with him. Often I have seen that dog and remarked that Malachi wasn't far off, and sure enough the negro would soon come into sight. The dog, so far as his breed was concerned, was about as worthless as his master. I don't know which was the better known, John Malachi or the dog.

"Well, a few months ago John moved to Macon, where he led about the same sort of life he led here. He died in Macon about a month ago and was buried there at the expense of the city, I suppose. When I heard of the negro's death, I immediately wondered where the dog was and what he would do without his master.

"A few nights ago I saw the dog. And what do you suppose he was doing? He was going up and down Decatur street searching in the saloons and the negro dives for the only person who had ever cared for him. I watched the dog for quite awhile, and I saw him go in and out of the places which were once frequented by Malachi. He moved along in a fast trot, holding his head down. I followed him as he went into a restaurant. He trotted into the open door, stood still when on the inside while he gazed about at the men and women assembled there, and then he turned and trotted out. This was repeated at a number of places.

"That little dog, tired of looking for his master in Macon, had come all the way to Atlanta, a distance of 103 miles, to look for his master. I felt like taking the poor dog home and called him to me. But he merely stopped a moment, looked sadly at me and went on with his search."

A number of policemen saw the dog afterward on Decatur street, and they corroborated the story related by Policeman Sheppard.—Atlanta Constitution.

SPONGE DIVER'S FIND.

Antoine Morello Discovered a Cave Containing Some Ancient Armor.

A sponge fisher, Antoine Morello of Key West, tells of a curious experience he had recently while diving near the Dry Tortugas after sponges. While looking down into the clear water below he saw what appeared to be a box near an opening in the side of the island. He descended, attached a rope to the box and proceeded to the opening, which was large enough to permit a man to walk into it. Being curious, he tied the rope to his body and started in. For 15 or 20 feet it was a straight path, and then it curved upward into a large cave, which was high and dry above the tides.

The cave had been inhabited, as rude couches were around the sides. Remains of what had been beds and a large quantity of woolen clothing were also found. Some 30 or 40 old muskets, a few swords and compasses and a lot of old plate of Spanish designs and a complete suit of mail of ancient pattern curiously inlaid with colored figures were lying around. The air in the cave was dry, and many of these things were in an excellent state of preservation. In one corner was a small chest falling to pieces, which had evidently been a treasure box, and he picked up about 100 copper coins of an old Spanish issue. In another corner was the skeleton of a man loaded with chains attached to the rock. Antoine is superstitious, and he did not disturb the contents of the cave except bringing away a few pieces of the coin and one of the old compasses. He hauled up the box from the sea, which, on being opened, was found to contain a handsome silver set, some of the pieces being of the most exquisite design. Antoine has them on exhibition at his house. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

QUEER INSTRUMENTS.

Benjamin Fulton, Who Poses as an Oil Wizard, Uses Them.

Benjamin F. Fulton of Portland, Ind., is achieving a great reputation in the oil-fields of the different states as an "oil wizard." He claims that he can find oil and gas, although hidden by hundreds of feet of earth, and has thus far been very successful.

He has a queer little instrument that looks like a bulky fountain pen, which he claims is the agent by which he is having such good success. Inside the rubber tube is another, made of aluminium, which he says contains the chemical affinity by which he is able to discover crude petroleum or natural gas.

When all ready for use, the aluminium tube is screwed to a V shaped concern of the same kind of metal, one prong being held between his teeth and the other between thumb and forefinger. Thus equipped, he passes over the territory, and the unique little instrument tells the story by its very perceptible vibrations. When oil is present, it moves to a considerable extent, but in its absence remains in a dormant condition.

He has another instrument for searching for gas, only the chemical affinity contained within the little tube of aluminium is different. Mr. Fulton says he has other instruments with which he can find precious metals.

Not long ago a well known operator drilled a well in the northern part of this county, claiming that visitors from the spirit world had told him the location would be a good one. Fulton, with his apparatus, visited the spot and predicted a dry hole, and such it was.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Curious "Spells" of Southern Negroes.

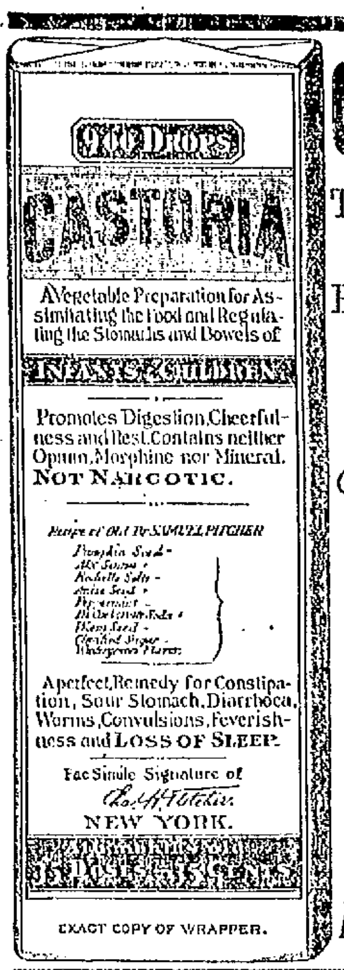
There are numerous harmless "spells" which are regular observances in the lives of the average southern negroes. Besides the root chewing, the track lifting, etc., they have a love philter of frogs' legs cooked in still water, and the ashes of a bat are powerful enough to keep away a rival or an enemy. To make a dog stay at home they cut off the tip of his tail and bury it under the doorstep. To make a wife obedient they "draw her pictur" and hide it in the shingles. Thus, waking or sleeping, there is a constant forcing or counteracting of destiny.—Philadelphia Times.

Force of Habit.

An editor in Kansas says: "Every day for a year I have worn a particular shirt that is made so poorly that the collar button hurts the back of my neck. I declare every day that I will burn that shirt when I get home at night, but I forget all about it next day. Force of habit is a great thing." It must be—in Kansas.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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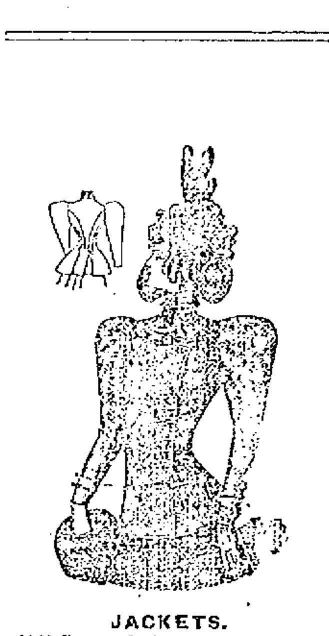
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Lynn is still kept in terror by highwaymen. The police department must be sorely in need of reorganization, for so far as we have heard, not a single one of the highwaymen who have terrorized that city have been arrested. Mayor Ramsdell has here a chance to do some good work in protecting the community.

In the Tewksbury almshouse, in General Butler's day, human hides were tanned, but in our own day, the Medfield insane asylum nearly rivals Tewksbury by starting in to cook its inmates. It was only a mistake, of course, an accident, if you will, by which an attendant put a patient in a bath tub and turned on the boiling water until the victim was scalded to death.

Agent Thomas of the Tremont & Suffolk mills takes the correct view of the cut down as a remedy for a dull market or for competition from Southern mills. He says it is of no use because the operatives, being dissatisfied never do such good work and there is a loss in consequence. It is to be hoped that other mill agents will come to look at the question in the same light.

BOSTON ELECTION.

The municipal fight in Boston is one of the hottest in its history. Mayor Quincy is having a hard battle against a combination of forces. Hon. P. A. Collins has espoused Mr. Quincy's cause, but in attacking Mr. Riley as "the assistant republican candidate" he has to meet a man of ability and force. Riley in reply has given Mr. Collins one of the best "lacings" he has received since his childhood. Indeed it would appear that so far as the two men are personally concerned, Mr. Riley has the best of the argument. If Mr. Quincy wins against Curtis, the republican candidate and Mr. Riley, the nominee of the silver democratic club, he will achieve a magnificent triumph. He is also opposed by the Boston Herald which is daily dishing up new charges against his administration. It would not be surprising if Mr. Curtis who is comparatively inactive, would get elected.

The Sun, in the calm following the delirium, does not seem to be very fond of that ugly child, the campaign roorback. We take it, from the apparent attempt to let the democratic city committee down gracefully, that The Sun is not wildly enthusiastic for a vigorous prosecution of those charges.—Mail.

The Sun did not bring the charges; it only reported the evidence of boodling by the republicans that was put in the hands of the democratic leaders. The Mail not only refused to report the facts, but defended the boodlers and pronounced the charges a roorback, started by The Sun.

The Sun can get at least six men to swear to the facts and any one of them has a higher reputation for honesty and veracity than has the editor of the Mail.

The only roorback published in connection with the election appeared in the Mail to the effect that an out-of-town brewer sent $3500 to Lowell in order to help the democrats to carry the election. We challenge the Mail to produce not six, but one man who will testify to the truth of that story, which The Sun pronounces a deliberate falsehood, a roorback of the rankest kind. Failing to do this, the Mail will stand convicted of lying and of doing the very thing it falsely charged against The Sun.

Will the Mail give the name of the brewer who sent the money or the name of the "prominent liquor dealer" who received it? If any money was sent to Lowell by a brewer for use in the election, it was sent for the purpose of carrying the election for the republicans and preserving the status quo in the liquor business. The Mail, the advocate of temperance, joined hands with the liquor dealers in one of the most corrupt elections Lowell ever saw, and as a reward for this valiant service to the party, Mr. McCleery, the present business manager, is a candidate for license commissioner. He surely deserves recognition by Colonel Bennett for the manner in which the Mail defended the corruption of the ballot in the campaign.

GLADSTONE'S WEAKNESS.

In conversation with a number of gentlemen at the Knights of Columbus hall the other night, Mr. Robertson of London denied that Mr. Gladstone was willfully dishonest in his action on the Irish question. On the contrary, Mr Gladstone, he said, intended to make the consummation of Irish home rule the crowning triumph of his political career, but the fatal flaw of the Home Rule bill was that it did not decide whether Ireland would have a representation in the Imperial parliament in addition to its own. Mr. Gladstone he says, was always a man of shallow penetration. He never saw far enough ahead. In this regard, he was much inferior to Disraeli, and to this cause Mr. Robertson believes was due the flaw in the bill and its final rejection by the House of Lords. There was nothing left for Gladstone but to remodel the bill and start the fight all over again, which, with his failing sight and hearing, he considered too much for him to undertake. This weakness was referred to by the chaplain of the House of Commons in an insulting way, whereupon Mr. Gladstone retorted that while deeply conscious of the growing infirmities of age, he would be very much weaker in every sense before he should be unable to dispose of any such intellectual ass as the chaplain of the House. Mr. Robertson, however, was willing to admit that Mr. Gladstone was often swayed by political expediency on the Irish question, as well as upon other matters of state. This is the ground upon which the friends of Ireland condemn the late premier.

There is a movement to restore the whipping post in Virginia. That institution was abolished in 1881 when a young white girl was whipped for stealing a pair of shoes. It was originally intended for negroes and if judiciously used for that purpose might be still an advantage. It would prove more active perhaps as a preventative of crime than the gallows or the electric chair where the conviction of murderers is so rare.

Henceforth Attorney-General McKenna will be known as Judge McKenna of the Supreme court of the United States. His decision declaring the troublesome clause of the Dingley bill invalid has been appreciated by republican leaders.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Boston Herald—Alphonse Daudet was the holder of the celebrated forty-first seat of the French Academy. That is to say, he was never elected an Immortal, though that honor was bestowed on his brother Ernest. All the same, Alphonse Daudet will always remain the Daudet of French literature.

Salem News—It will not be a calamity if no more six-day bicycling matches are conducted in this country. So far as the contestants are concerned, "the game is not worth the candle." The few men who run the show may make money, but what is it to them if some of the contestants are as good as wrecked physically?

Waltham News—Gen. P. A. Collins advises young men to eschew politics and political life, but both have been kinder to Mr. Collins than any private occupation that he could have entered, not excepting the honorable profession of the law. The genial "General" should square his speeches with his life practice.

Lawrence Tribune—Robin Damon of Salem is publishing a counterpart of his successful News in Lynn, which appears to be a success from the start. Mr. Damon began his Lynn News under different circumstances than prevailed when he first gave the Salem News to the world. When the Salem News was started, Mr. Damon himself trundled the first editions off on a press. Now he has perfecting presses, typesetting machines, and all the modern conveniences to contribute to the success of his Lynn newspaper venture.

New York Journal—The real duty of the democrats in the United States Congress in relation to the annexation of the Hawaiian islands should proceed from patriotism and not from partisanship. And yet enlightened partisanship even would dictate that the democratic party should not overturn the party precedents of half a century and refuse to add to the national domain and the national wealth.

Narrow minded men may conceive intelligent partisanship to consist in opposition to anything which a hostile administration may propose. Wise shrewdest and most intelligent party service can be rendered by taking up that which is best in an opponent's program and by forcing it to success.

It would be folly for the democrats in this Congress to oppose Hawaiian annexation. The new democracy does not take its cue from Grover Cleveland's policy, nor does it hark back to queens on worm-eaten thrones.

New York Journal—The special commission for the Codification of the Criminal Laws of the United States causes the announcement to be made that it will require a number of years for it to complete its work. As the commission holds regular communication with the treasury department, congress made a serious mistake in giving it a title. It should have been called the Commission for the Care of Superannuated and Maimed Politicians.

TWO HEADS AND NECKS.

WOMAN AT LEE, MASS., GIVES BIRTH TO FREAK BABY.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 19.—A special despatch from Lee, says:

Mrs. J. J. Dowd of Lee gave birth this morning to a freak baby, the child being a boy, having two perfect heads and necks and but one body. The child lived several hours and died this evening.

The heads and neck of the child were very natural while the body across the shoulders is about twice as wide as that of an ordinary child. Two perfect arms extended from the body, while in the center was a small stub which gives the appearance of being a third arm. This was the third child of the family.

WEEKLY MORTALITY

Population, 87,000; total deaths, 21; deaths under five, 11; infectious diseases, 2; acute lung diseases, 5; diphtheria, 2; death rate for the week, 18.5 against 18.5 and 19.1 for previous two weeks; infectious diseases reported—typhoid fever, 1; scarlet fever, 2; diphtheria, 2.

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THE ARENA OF POLITICS

A STUNNING FAILURE.

Dingley Tariff Bill Proves Disastrous as a Revenue Measure.

The conservative Philadelphia Ledger, which is still run on Childs' lines, adds itself to the list of Republican papers, including the New York Sun and Philadelphia Press, which favor an immediate overhauling of the revenue laws, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. What it says is worth patient reading:

If the United States treasury deficit of almost $50,000,000 for the fiscal year to date does not convince congress of the necessity of either rigorous retrenchment and economy in the matter of government expenditures or of providing additional revenue to meet extravagant appropriations, it is unlikely that anything will do so. Or if congress should not promptly recognize that the Dingley tariff is a disastrous failure as a revenue measure, or as a measure for the protection of domestic labor, it will fail to recognize a clearly demonstrated fact.

The storm of public opinion in this line is now fairly setting in, and by the end of the year it will be a hurricane. People will not forget what a dreadful picture was drawn of the evils of a deficit at the beginning of the present administration. They will remember how a great fuss was raised about the government receipts being allowed to run behind the expenditures and how the Republican administration was going to apply the proper remedy immediately.

The ways and means committee of the old congress was set to work a year ago to get a tariff bill ready for the new congress, which was called in special session almost as soon as Mr. McKinley was inaugurated president. The tariff was revised, and the revision has proved to be a stunning failure. It doesn't raise revenue any better than its predecessor did—probably not so well. The condition of the treasury is worse now than it was a year ago, when the triumphant Republican managers said it was dreadful.

M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE.

It Will Bring Its Own Rebuke and Unite the Democracy.

President McKinley's message has met the worst of our anticipations. It will revive partisanship where it slumbered and awaken animosities which had died out. It is a clean cut, anti-Democratic line of policy that he advocates throughout. On every point upon which it was possible to differ from the manly, progressive and humanitarian spirit of his fellow countrymen he has taken his position. In every way that he could subject American pride to the plutarchy of Great Britain, could humiliate his country to the retroactive demands of Spain, could advise additional tax burdens on the American people, could urge an increase of government expenses, he has spoken. He has done his utmost to prove to the voters of the United States what a grand error they made in elevating him to the presidency.

This message will bring its own rebuke. It will unite the Democracy of the Union down to the last man. It will render impossible any alliance, any toleration even, for our political opponents upon our part. It will rouse the sentiment of hostility, reprobation and earnest opposition, in and out of congress, to his administration. It will bring forth out of their delusion every Democrat who openly or secretly aided in the success of the Republican platform of 1896.

Henceforth the war of partisanship is renewed upon the old and well known lines, and to the end of the McKinley administration there must be neither truce nor concession nor compromise nor anything but unrelenting opposition.—New York News.

TRUSTS TRIUMPHANT.

Under Republican Rule They Continue to Grow and Prosper.

In October, 1896, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch printed a list of 139 trusts and combines formed to control prices and prevent competition. Since then, as was to have been expected under the regime of the party favorable to trusts, not one of these unlawful concerns has been broken up by government action. On the contrary, the further formation of trusts has gone actively on, and there is not the least hope that the people will get any relief for the next three years.

During the past 12 months the following new trusts or reformations of old combines have been reported:

Bicycle tube makers, woodworking machinery manufacturers, malting companies, glucose manufacturers, sheet iron and enameled ware makers, sewer pipe makers, milk companies of New York, cracker companies, wire nail makers, window glass manufacturers, wholesale clothiers, theaters and several gas companies.

The only two legal actions of any importance against trusts reported in the same period were an attempted injunction in the case of the Glucose trust and an investigation of the sewer pipe combine by the attorney general. The injunction was defeated, and the investigation apparently fell through.

For the present the trusts are in the saddle, but the people's turn will come. They know that a democratic form of government will be impossible when the industries by which they live are controlled by a few men whose power gives them a dominant influence in politics. The reckoning is inevitable. What kind of reckoning shall it be?

Republican Policy.

According to the estimates of the secretary of the treasury, $22,000,000 more will be required to run the government next year than this, and it is curious to note that the increase is mainly for "public works," which means extravagant buildings and profitable contracts. The allowance for the navy is cut down and that for pensions is not increased, but the people of the interior villages are to have expensive postoffices and the different creeks are to be turned into "navigable waters." It is the original Republican party policy all over again.

LEGAL NUGGETS

Some Important Decisions Rendered by Courts.

POINTS BEARING ON REVOCATION OF WILLS.

Competency of Witnesses Passed Upon.

Several important legal decisions have recently been handed down by the courts.

Some of these nuggets of law may be of interest to Sun readers, and so are given below:

The revocation of a will by the mere execution of a subsequent will without clause of revocation is denied in Cheever vs. North (Ich.) 37 L. R. A. 561, but it is held that the destruction of the later one revives the former one. With this case is an exensive review of the decisions as to the revocation of a will by a subsequent will, and the revival of the former by the destruction of the latter.

Inability to comprehend the obligation of a note, or to understand and intelligently answer the questions put by the court upon voir dire examination, is held, in State vs. Meyers (Neb.) 37 L. R. A. 423, to render a person incompetent to testify as a witness. With the case are reviewed the decisions on the effect of insanity upon the competency of witnesses.

An attempt to substitute as beneficiary of an endowment certificate in the Knights of Phythias a creditor in place of the member's widow and children is held abortive in Carson vs. Vicksburg Bank (Miss.) 37 L. R. A. 559, because the constitution of the organization provides that the benefits are for persons related to or dependent upon the member, and that they shall never be appropriated to the payment of any debts against his estate.

An express promise of a benefit insurance contract to pay $3,000 upon maturity, and another stipulation that the amount obtained on a full assessment on the division when it has less than 1,200 members shall be a payment in full are held in Thuenen vs. Iowa Mut. Ben. Asso. (Iowa) 37 L. R. A. 387, not to be void for repugnancy.

The agreement of a plumbers' association to the effect that the members will not deal with wholesale dealers who sell to any persons who are not members of the association, is held in Macauley vs. Tierney, (R. I.) 37 L. R. A. 155, to be lawful, and not to constitute a conspiracy, since the object of the combination and the means adopted for its accomplishment are lawful.

The right of a passenger to take packages of groceries for the use of his family into a passenger car is denied in Bullock vs. Delaware, L. & W. R. Co. (N. J.) 37 L. R. A. 417, when the terms of his ticket entitle him to "personal passage." But it is held that the officers of the railroad company cannot lawfully take the packages away from him by force after he enters the car, although if he refuses to remove them, he with his packages may be removed without unnecessary force.

A representation that notes are as good as gold, made to induce a vendor to accept them as part of the purchase price of land, and intended and understood to be a representation of facts within the vendee's knowledge, of which the vendor knew nothing, is held in Andrews vs. Jackson (Mass.) 37 L. R. A. 402, to constitute an actionable false representation, and not merely an expression of opinion.

For the support of a minor son surreptitously taken from the father by the mother after divorce without any decree as to the custody of the child, where he continues to live with the mother after her remarriage, it is held in Foss vs. Hartwell (Mass.) 37 L. R. A. 559, that the father cannot be held liable to the mother and her second husband, merely because he has permitted the child to remain with them without any agreement or demand for compensation.

The liability of a railroad company for injury to a young child which strays upon the track because of the lack of a fence is sustained in Rosse vs. St. Paul and D. R. Co. (Minn.) 37 L. R. A. 591, overruling a prior decision to the effect that the statute requiring fences was exclusively for the protection of domestic animals.

HEAVY FIRE LOSSES.

Six weeks ago, the underwriters of Lowell considered that the year 1897, when completed, would see a small amount of losses. But several costly fires have occurred since. The total losses paid in Lowell during the year, until Huntington Hall was burned, amounted to about $100,000. The interest of the Boston & Maine railroad in the Huntington Hall building was covered by insurance. At the present it seems as though the net loss will amount to about $400 a day for every day in the year. At this rate, fire insurance companies will be losing money in Lowell.

REV. FR. McHUGH.

Rev. John J. McHugh, who was ordained last Friday celebrated the children's mass at St. Patrick's church yesterday. He will be the celebrant of the solemn high mass at St. Patrick's church on Christmas day.

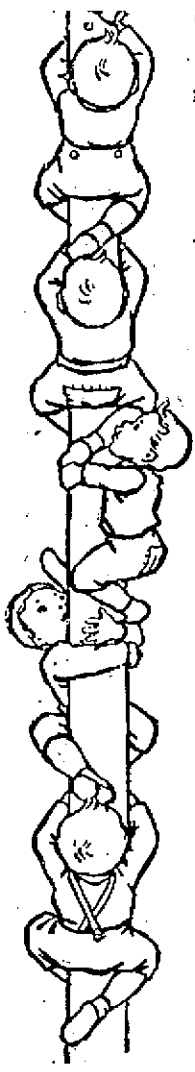
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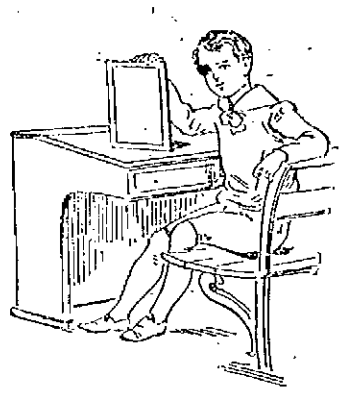
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SENATOR CHANDLER TALKS

Against the Insane Ideas of Secy. Gage of U. S. Treasury.

He Says the Opening of the Financial Question by Congress Will be Suicide for the Republican Party.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Chandler of New Hampshire has written a letter to the Washinton Post in which he says: "If the secretary of the treasury and his single gold standard associates will cease their demand for impossible currency legislation, congress will pass the necessary appropriation bills, probably take care of Hawaii and Cuba, there will not be a serious party division during the session and there will be an adjournment in May. Business will revive, the treasury receipts will equal the expenditures, the balance of trade will continue in our favor, and the Republican party will in November, 1898, elect a majority of the house in the Fifty-fifth congress.

"On the other hand if Secretary Gage continues to press on congress a bill, the object of which, he says, is 'first to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard' and the immediate effect of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the president's declaration in favor of continued efforts to secure bimetallism, a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united Republicans into fragments, while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition. It is not feasible to retire the greenbacks; there is more probability that a bill will be sent to the president to increase their amount. It is not possible to secure the passage through either house of a bill making the greenbacks into gold notes, or authorizing bonds payable in gold. The effort to do either thing will probably result in the passage of a bill for the redemption of the greenbacks in silver dollars and for the payment of all United States bonds in gold or silver coin in the discretion of the president, who will be commanded to exercise his option for the advantage of the government and not for the advantage of the creditors.

"With such an uproar in congress as these proceedings will create, with western congressmen embroiled therein, with presidential vetoes, as threatened by Secretary Gage, under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and funds and stocks will be disturbed and prices will fall, insolvencies will increase and the Republicans lose the congressional election in 1898 as disastrously as they did in 1890 and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time therefore a Bryan Democratic president and congress will be chosen.

"Whether we are to have one of these results—political safety, or the other, political destruction—depends entirely upon the course to be pursued by Secretary Gage and those who are pressing him forward, namely, the gold stanrard league of New York and the self-constituted national monetary conference. How much Secretary Gage cares for the Republican party is not known. Whether President McKinley, whose good faith towards bimetallism is coming to the test, will stop his secretary in his insane career is not known. It is to be hoped he will. No political situation has been clearer than the present to sound eyes since the Republican party began its marvelous career 42 years ago. There are times for all things. There is a time to move and a time to keep still, and now is the time to so keep.

"It is simply political suicide for the Republican party in this congress to affirmatively open the discussion of the money question and to bring on yea and nay votes upon currency legislation. We ought to await the progress of international bimetallism, the advent of business prosperity and the filling of the treasury by the normal workings soon to be seen of the new tariff law. Shall we wait for these things, or rush on to self-destruction? President McKinley must decide. Will he act for his people or for his plutocrats? Upon his answer will depend the events of 1898."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Augustus Anderson was killed at Tolland, Mass., while logging near his home.

The insurgents are increasing largely in numbers in the province of Pinar Del Rio, Havana and Matanzas.

In an explosion aboard the British steamer Southern Cross, from Buenos Ayres for Liverpool, which arrived at Maderia yesterday, several were killed or wounded.

The Cuban autonomists pretend to be in correspondence with 20 insurgent leaders who have agreed to surrender to the authorities in case autonomy is established in the island.

Lieutenant General Marin, captain general of Puerto Rico, is about to resign owing to the impossibility of reconciling the different parties in the island with a view of establishing autonomy.

Nathan Woodman, the almhouse inmate who assaulted and seriously injured Mrs. Preble, wife of the keeper, at West Newbury, Mass., last Thursday, has been adjudged insane and will be confined in an asylum.

Police Inspector Albert Escalento has been expelled from Cuba for conspiracy against the government. He was relieved of his office by the new administration, after which he became involved in plots against the government.

The number of licensed saloons in New York Sept. 30, under the new excise law, was 15,959, against 22,957 in 1896. The number of drinking saloons per thousand inhabitants averaged 4.5 Sept. 30 for the 41 cities of the state.

The schooner Silver Heels, suspected of having engaged in filibustering operations, is detained at Wilmington, N. C., unable to get clearance papers. She has taken on a cargo of lumber which the captain says he will take to Barbadoes.

KILLED A FOOTPAD.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Policeman William Russell shot and killed a highwayman here, and 25 minutes later he was made a sergeant by Chief Ripley, one of the quickest police promotions on record in Chicago. Russell and Policeman Gardner noticed two men acting in a suspicious manner and followed them four blocks. The policemen caught the men in the act of robbing Andrew Young, a salesman for Montgomery, Ward & Co. Russell followed one man into an alley and fired in the air to stop him, but the man ran faster. A second shot brought him down. He died in a few moments. Gardner captured the other robber, who gave the name of John Wilson. The dead man is supposed to be Charles Casler of Buffalo.

LONGSTANDING JEALOUSY.

London, Dec. 20.—The fiancee of William Arthur Prince, who murdered William Terriss, the actor, as he was entering the Adelphi theater last Thursday evening, attributes the crime to a longstanding jealousy of Terriss, whom Prince believed to be responsible for the rebuff his advances had received from the leading lady of the Adelphi three years ago, when Prince was employed there as a "super." His advances became so persistent that the lady complained to the management, which resolved to discharge Prince; but Terriss intervened and the dismissal was delayed. Prince misunderstood Terriss' action in the matter and resolved upon revenge.

HEAVY CUT IN WAGES.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 20.—Notices have been posted in the Union Pacific shops at Cheyenne and Laramie reducing the time of the men employed from five to four days a week and from eight hours to seven hours per day, taking effect immediately. In addition the employes are given a lay-off of 10 days during the holidays. This is equal to a reduction of 30 per cent in wages. The reduction is said to be caused by a falling off of business on the Union Pacific equal to 40 per cent of the business during the summer months.

FOUR WERE KILLED.

Repton, Ala., Dec. 20.—A defective flue caused a licomotive on the Bear Creek logging road to explode Saturday night and kill four men. The dead are: John O'Connor, engineer; John Clipper, fireman; John Johnson, trainman; Henry Vicker, trainman.

CANADIAN METROPOLIS.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The Minerve, the only French morning newspaper in Montreal, has suspended publication after an existence of nearly 60 years.

W. C. McDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, whose gifts to McGill university already aggregate nearly $3,000,000, has just given an additional $250,000 to the institution. Fifty thousand of this sum are to be used as an endowment in strengthening the law faculty, and the remainder is for the scientific department in the building for which his previous donations have been principally used.

STRUCK A RUNAWAY CAR.

Castle Rock, Colo., Dec. 20.—Sunday night there was a wreck at a point two miles north of here on the Rio Grande road in which 33 men were injured, one or two fatally. It was the result of a collision between a passenger train and a chair car broke the connection with the rest of the train. The car contained about 50 men, who had been laying rails on the Rio Grande. The fireman and engineer of the colliding engine escaped by jumping. Most of the injuries are flesh wounds and bruises.

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MAUD GONNE'S RECEPTION

By Mayor Quincy, Hon. P. A. Collins and Other Leaders.

In Boston at Columbia Theatre—Strong Plea Against the Proposed International Treaty With England—Boston Police Board Assailed.

Boston, Dec. 20.—An audience which completely filled the Columbia theater greeted Maud Gonne upon her first appearance in this city as a champion of Ireland's rights. The interest of the great assembly, however, was not wholly confined to the remarks of the "Joan of Arc of Ireland," for upon the platform sat all three of the candidates for mayor at the coming city election, and it was confidently anticipated that each would address the meeting at the conclusion of Miss Gonne's remarks.



MISS MAUDE GONNE.

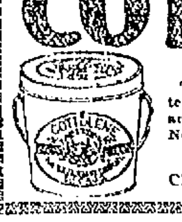
In this the audience was disappointed, for while Mr. Curtis, the Republican, and Mr. Riley, the Bryan Democratic, candidates were prepared to speak either in an endorsement of Miss Gonne, or add to the political fire of the campaign, Mr. Quincy absolutely refused to say anything, and the management therefore filled in the program with speakers whose remarks were confined to Ireland and not to Boston politics. The meeting was delayed an hour before the political managers could reach an agreement, and the audience was therefore wrought up to an intense pitch of excitement when Miss Gonne appeared, followed by all three of the candidates.

Miss Gonne was introduced by Patrick A. Collins, one of the leading speakers for Candidate Quincy, but his remarks lacked a political tinge, and the excitement of local events was swallowed up in the interest which Miss Gonne aroused by her graphic story of Ireland's distress. She was followed by James T. Egan, who spent several years in English prisons, and also by one or two local leaders, and before the audience realized it the meeting came to an end without either of the three men who are playing important parts in the campaign having an opportunity of saying a word.

POLICE BOARD ASSAILED.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The recent attack upon the police commissioners of Boston, of which General A. P. Martin is chairman, by Rev. A. A. Berle of this city, was supplemented Sunday afternoon by the same clergyman from the Tremont temple pulpit. He alluded to the incident in which Governor Wolcott sent the state police to investigate certain hotels against which serious complaints had been made, and which later were ordered closed by the commissioners, and asserted that these hotels would be allowed to resume. This proposed action, Mr. Berle said, was enough to confirm the opinion of Governor Wolcott, that he had no confidence in the police board, with that of the people of Boston.

Mr. Berle, in continuing his attack, cited instances in the governing of saloons to show that the license system in Boston is more of a farce than prohibition would be. In closing his criticism was: "As the license system is conducted in Boston it is absolutely impossible for a man to carry on its enforcement without coming head and shoulders under the iron heel of this oligarchy."



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A VESSEL BURNED IN SALEM HARBOR.

Leather Firms in Boston Badly Injured.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—A fire started in the basement of the building occupied by the Mermond & Jaccard Jewelry company Sunday, and in a short time the interior of the five-story structure was completely destroyed. The total loss will reach $335,000.

The fire had been burning some time before it was discovered. The south wall and all the floors began falling soon afterward, making one of the fiercest and quickest fires in the annals of the fire department. It is thought the fire started in the boiler room, communicating to the packing room and, shooting up the elevator shaft, quickly spread over the building. W. A. Rutledge, the engineer, and his family lived on the fourth floor. They barely escaped. The firemen dragged them unconscious from their beds and carried them down a fire escape. Five minutes later the floors fell. Several other tenants in the building had narrow escapes, but there were no fatalities.

The Mermon & Jaccard Jewelry company was one of the largest in the world, and, this being Christmas season, carried an immense stock. One half of the stock had been placed in the two large vaults and was saved, but the rest, as well as the building and fixtures, was totally destroyed. So fierce was the fire that not a dollar's worth of salvage was taken out.

The Model Cloak company, in the northeast corner of the building, was wiped out at a loss of $50,000, on which there was an insurance of three-fourths.

THREE HOURS' WORK.

Grand Forks, S. D., Dec. 20.—Sunday night the business portion of the city was threatened by another fire which might have been more destructive than that of Friday, when the hotel Dacotah, the Mercantile company and Nash Bros.' buildings were burned. Shortly after six o'clock smoke was seen issuing from the first floor of the big department store of Bonner & Boggs, and in less than 15 minutes the building was in flames and the fire had crept into the Stanchfield clothing house and the H. A. Stone jewelry store in the building adjoining. After three hours' work the fire was subdued. The damage to the building and stock of Bonner & Boggs will be $55,000. The loss to the other firms will be small.

BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE.

Salem, Mass., Dec. 20.—Sunday morning the three-masted schooner Marguerite, from St. John to New York with a cargo of laths, put in here for a harbor and anchored off Beverly Farms. The crew was raising the anchor to get under way when the cabin was found to be in flames. When it was found that the fire was too much for the crew, a boat was sent ashore and an alarm rung in. The Beverly apparatus responded, but the by a steamer, and the firemen and crew saw the vessel burn to the water's edge. vessel was too far off shore to be reached

FIRE IN BOSTON.

Boston, Dec. 20.—A number of leather firms occupying a five-story building on South street was damaged to a considerable extent last night by a fire in the upper portion of the building. W. B. White & Son sustained the heaviest loss, while the Union Leather company and H. L. Houghton were sufferers from water. The total loss will be about $5900. The building was only slightly injured.

WRECKED BY A MAIL HOOK.

Vail, Ia., Dec. 20.—The overland limited on the Northern railroad was wrecked in a most extraordinary manner. A dangling hook on a mail car caught in a switch rod as the train was running at the rate of 60 miles per hour. The switch was thrown and three Pullman, two tourist and two ordinary coaches were dashed to pieces. Although 240 passengers were on board, no one was killed, but 26 passengers were hurt.

Every car behind the mail car, which caused the wreck, was thrown from the rails, turned over and reduced to pieces. The engine and two mail cars remained on the track. The rear of the train wrenched itself loose from the forward part, and the locomotive shot forward with increased speed. This was the first notice that the engineer had that something was wrong. Then he heard the roar as the coaches were jammed together and splintered on the prairie in his rear.

The weather was intensely cold, and the meagre clothing of those who escaped from the train was insufficient to protect them. People from the little village hurried to the wreck at once, and as fast as the passengers were taken out they were hurried to the homes of the citizens. The flames were quickly extinguished and the work of rescue moved rapidly.

NO WORK IN CHINA.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The first report to the state department of Consul Goodnow at Shanghai contains a warning to American railroad men not to go to China for employment. Says he: "The American can only invite starvation who comes here without a definite contract of employment with some reputable firm made before he leaves America. I must advise United States railway employes that there is at present no market for their labor in China, and should more roads be constructed there will be a market only if these roads are built by Americans."

The highest salaried natives are the telegraph operators at $40 per month. Engineers get $20 to $30 and trainhands and trackmen $6 to $10 per month. All of this is in Mexican silver worth 44 cents gold on the dollar.

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MANAGER OF THE PRESENT CHAMPION SO DECIDES.

Burglars Confess Crimes at Amesbury.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Martin Julian, manager for Bob Fitzsimmons, stated in an interview Sunday that the lanky champion has changed his mind and will again meet ex-Champion Corbett in the prize ring. Fitzsimmons was non-committal, refusing to confirm or deny the story and contenting himself with declaring that he has not said he will fight Corbett again.

Julian's statement was sufficiently emphatic, however, to indicate that he confidently expects the men to meet again. "Some day before very long we will give Corbett another chance," he said. "No, not now, that is a certainty, but before very long. How long I cannot say."

Asked if it was not a concession on the part of Fitzsimmons, Julian replied it was not, as the idea had been in the mind of Fitzsimmons for some time.

It is announced that Dan Stuart, who managed the Carson City battle, will meet Fitzsimmons and Julian here this week and endeavor to arrange for a meeting between the big men for next summer.

TALK ALL A BLUFF.

Milwaukee, Dec. 20.—In commenting on the McCoy-Creedon fight, Fitzsimmons said:

"I do not take the rumor that McCoy will challenge me seriously. There are plenty of good people ready to challenge me, now that I have retired from the ring. McCoy is entitled to no special credit for whipping Creedon. Creedon has not been taking care of himself, and was ready for a defeat.

"If he had been in the condition he was at New Orleans when I defeated him a year ago, McCoy would not have whipped him. He is more than a match for McCoy, and I expected him to win.

"I will not fight the victor. I retired from the ring March 17. All this talk about another go with Corbett is all bluff, inspired by the Brady-Corbett people."

PANEGRIC ON GEORGE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—William Lloyd Garrison, the well known Boston reformer, addressed the Ethical society Sunday on the life, character and work of Henry George, whom he characterized as one of the greatest men of all time. He said in part: "Never did knight of old fight more valiantly to win back the holy land from the Saracen than did Henry George to win his country from pauperism. Long after we are gone men will contemplate from varying points of view this alpine peak of moral force. The sunset of the nineteenth century will presage with added glory the coming of the twentieth because he lived, thought and wrote."

AGREEMENT ON SUBWAYS.

Boston, Dec. 20.—An agreement has been signed between the city of Boston and the Boston Elevated Railroad company, by which any additional subways which may be constructed in the city are to be leased to the Elevated company upon the same terms as the subway already built or provided for has been leased. The agreement was signed some days ago, but was held in secret pending the decision of the railroad commission on the approval of the lease between the West End and the elevated road, which approval was made public Saturday.

EMBEZZLEMENT ALLEGED.

New York, Dec. 20.—The central office detectives have arrested Jacob Price, a butcher's journeyman whom they found working at a place on Second avenue. The detectives had a warrant issued against Price in Boston dated Oct. 9, charging him with embezzlement. The prisoner admitted that his name was Price, but denied that he had been guilty of any overt act in Boston. He professed profound ignorance as to the nature of the charge against him.

Judge Springer of the Indian territory supreme court has announced that an officer of the Indian tribal courts attempting to exercise official functions after Jan. 1 will be arrested. On the first of January, by an act of congress, the tribal courts cease to exist, but many of the Indian officeholders have threatened to ignore the law.

FROM MAINE TO CALIFORNIA.

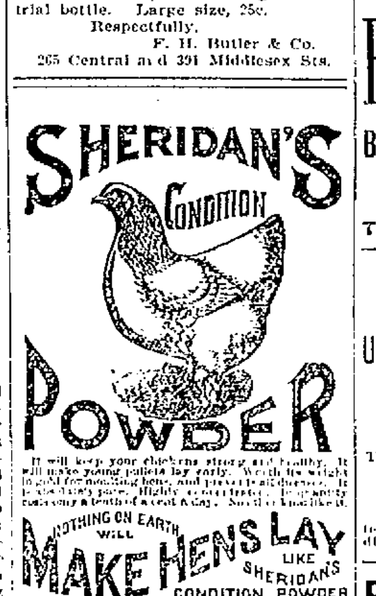
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DR. EMMENS, A MODERN ALCHEMIST, WHO IS TURNING SILVER INTO GOLD.

[Special Correspondence.]

New York, Dec. 16.—"Faraday was a Luther. He dared to say that transmutation of the metals was the next great problem for the chemist to solve."

So said Dr. Stephen H. Emmens, sitting opposite me at his desk in an office on the seventh floor of a big building overlooking Bowling Green. Below in Broadway the cable cars went clanging ceaselessly along. Across the way loomed the big red building of the Produce Exchange, where millionaire merchants gather every day to buy or sell. In the distance was the Brooklyn bridge and beyond it a vast area of warehouses. Millions on millions of commercial wealth were represented within range of my eye. If Dr. Emmens' hopes are realized, all that wealth will be insignificant compared with the fortune at his command. If his theories are correct, we are on the verge of a revolution, social, commercial, financial.

Not long ago the whole business world of the United States was in a ferment because England was drawing from us our stock of gold. The results of this financial crisis were felt by almost every man, woman and child in the country, directly or indirectly. The shifting of the balance of trade from one cause or another turned the stream of yellow metal back toward our shores, and immediately signs of restored confidence appeared; prosperity returned.

If Dr. Emmens perseveres in the work he is doing at his laboratory on Staten Island and accomplishes all that he claims is possible, there will never be another shortage of gold in America. Dr. Emmens will make a supply which will belittle by comparison the great hoard of the precious metal which Russia has been accumulating for so many years.

Briefly, Dr. Emmens claims to be making gold from silver. On the 13th of last April he deposited at the United States assay office in New York city 7.06 ounces of an alloy which, being separated, yielded .618 gold and .260 silver of the net value, after deducting the refining charge, of $5.65.

On the 22d of April he deposited 9.61 ounces, which yielded .601½ gold and .326 silver of the net value of $120.10.

Following these, at intervals of two or three weeks, Dr. Emmens has made other deposits, their value ranging from $126.72 to $562.18. A few days before my conversation with him he deposited 12.05 ounces, yielding .477 gold and .359 silver of a net value of $119.45. He said to me that he was turning out about $500 worth of metal at that time, though the production was not constant for reasons connected with the operation of his machinery.

That Dr. Emmens turns in gold at the assay office there is no question. I asked the director of the mint at Washington a few days ago, and he told me that the assay office had received gold from Dr. Emmens which the doctor claimed he obtained from Mexican silver dollars. All Mexican dollars, the director of the mint told me, contained a small amount of gold. According to the assay office report, however, the gold in a Mexican dollar is only "a trace" and not of any importance in disproving Dr. Emmens' claims. No one asserts that the Mexican dollar contains the amount of gold that Dr. Emmens says he obtains from it.

Here are the facts which Dr. Emmens claims, put in the plainest language: He says that he can put a Mexican silver dollar through a secret process which will produce an amount of gold much greater in value than the dollar with which the process began. Moreover, he claims that after paying the cost of an expensive treatment of the silver alloy he can make a large profit on the product.

He claims not only that he can do these things, but that he is doing them every day. The profits he is making, he says, are now $100 a week. There is no reasonable limitation to the amount of profit he can make except the physical limitations of his machinery and the strength of the three members of the syndicate which controls the process. Last May Dr. Emmens predicted that within a year he would be producing 50,050 ounces of gold a month—about $650,000 worth, or $7,800,000 worth in a year. The profit on that production would be $2,700,000 a year.

"I think that I get gold from silver by my process," said Dr. Emmens, "but I do not insist on that. Some one may think that I simply get from the silver gold which was combined with it. If that is true, I still get gold in commercial quantities from an alloy in which an assay shows no gold or only a trace. I am entirely satisfied, so long as I get the gold. For my own part, I believe that the change which occurs is molecular, but I am willing to admit that it may not be."

Dr. Emmens took from his desk three strips of metal. The first, he said, showed to his practiced eye slight traces of gold. In the second were heavy streaks of yellow. The third was all yellow.

"These three," said Dr. Emmens, "show a piece of a Mexican dollar in three stages of the process. In the third it is rich enough to be melted down into an ingot."

From a case he produced some specimens of the gold .569 fine. In places it was of a deep ruby color.

"I have produced some of a brilliant blue," said Dr. Emmens, "and I believe in time I shall get a colored gold which will be worth $20 an ounce to jewelers."

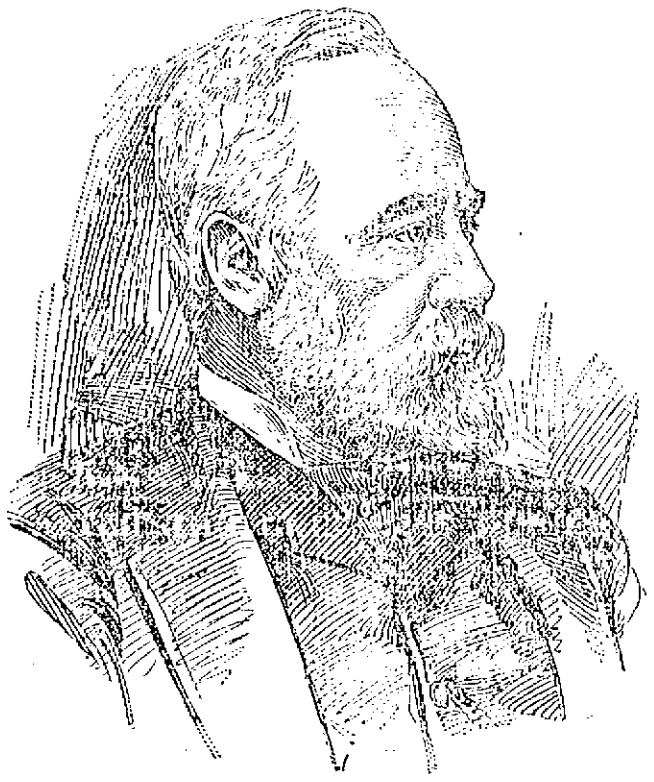
When I asked Dr. Emmens if any of his work had been conducted under the supervision of some disinterested person, who could testify to the results, he smiled and shook his head.

"No one has seen the process except my partners and myself," he said, "and for obvious reasons. I do not want to share my secret with any one. I ask no one to believe in my process. So long as the treasury accepts my gold I am perfectly satisfied."

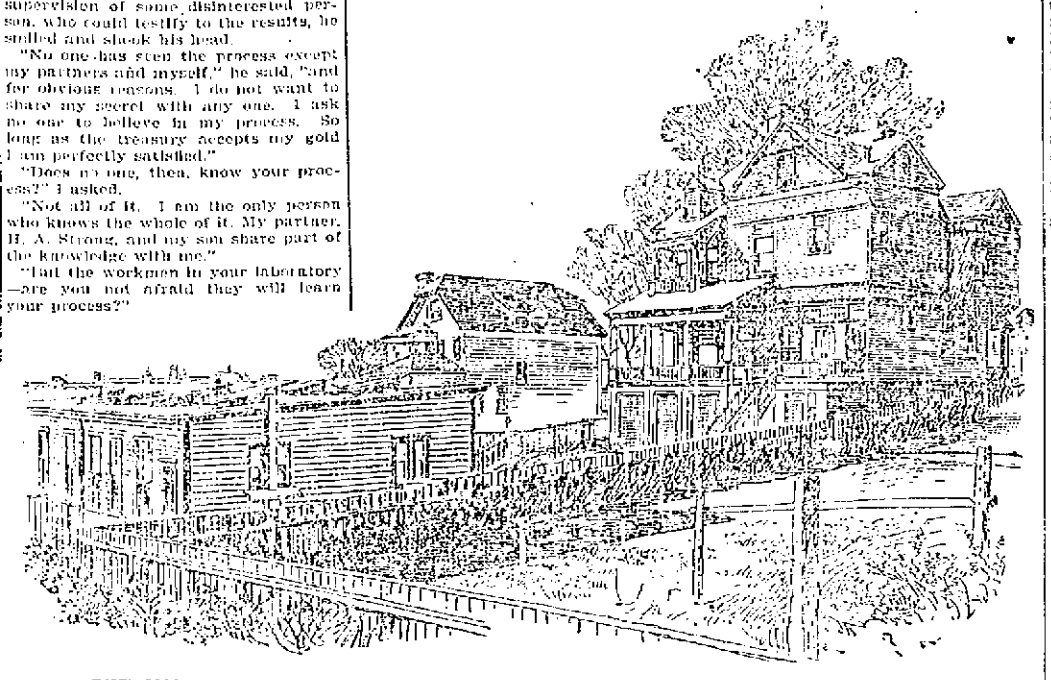
"Does no one, then, know your process?" I asked.

"Not all of it. I am the only person who knows the whole of it. My partner, H. A. Strong, and my son share part of the knowledge with me."

"Had the workmen in your laboratory—are you not afraid they will learn your process?"



STEPHEN H. EMMENS, WHO TURNS SILVER INTO GOLD.



THE HOME AND LABORATORY OF STEPHEN H. EMMENS AT STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

"There are no workmen in my laboratory. The three members of the syndicate do all the work."

"You have not even an engineer or a laborer?"

"No one."

"Would you sell your secret?"

"If any one can show me how it would be of any advantage to me. I have had men come to me—men conspicuous in the business and the political world—and offer to provide capital for my process up to $500,000,000, and I have always said that I should be glad to join with them if they would show me how I had anything to gain by it. They have never been able to show me, and so the matter stands. These men might offer me a million or so for my secret, but that would be paltry compared with what I expect to make out of it. In the meantime the laboratory is turning out gold and increasing the output all the time.

"Here is a proposition I have made to any nation that wants to test the process and that will make it worth my while: I will take 1,000,000 ounces of silver, worth $500,000, and from it I will make 600,000 ounces of gold, worth $13 an ounce. The cost of making the gold will be $1,600,000. Add to that the cost of the silver, $500,000, and subtract the whole from $7,800,000, the value of the gold, and you have a profit of $2,700,000."

Dr. Emmens says his process is partly physical and partly chemical. He believes the chemical influence merely makes easier the physical change. He has obtained good results from the Mexican dollars, but he finds Chinese silver, of which he obtained a small amount from the Chinese minister at Washington, is easier to manipulate. When an eminent English scientist wanted to make some experiments along the line of Dr. Emmens' work recently, he advised him to use the Chinese silver.

Scientists were once the most skeptical of men. Now they count hardly anything impossible. Improbable are many things; impossible, few. It was in a liberal latter day spirit that one of the leading scientists of Great Britain wrote to Dr. Emmens recently. I saw the letter and read it, and though I am not permitted to give the name of the writer—a name which is a household word in every civilized country—I can quote briefly from it, as follows:

"I was dining with 14 of the first chemists and physicists in England, and I passed around a small piece of argentaurum, telling them that it had been sent me by a good and trustworthy man of science for spectroscopic examination, as a sample of artificial gold transmuted from silver. I did not feel at liberty to tell anything more about it, but I said that in our present theoretical views of the constitution of matter, especially in the light of some very recent discoveries and speculations, and considering that the process adopted was quite new, I did not think it impossible that the discovery was a true one. I said there was a chance of my being shown the whole process, whereupon the universal assurance to me was that if I then assured them it was all right, they would believe in it."

Though eminent scientists only await the confirmation of the discovery, the mint bureau is inclined to scoff. A short time ago, when Dr. Emmens sent to the mint for analysis some of his gold (or argentaurum, as he calls it), Director Preston wrote to him that an assay showed platinum, iron and other metals which were found usually in old jewelry. Dr. Emmens thereupon had a Mexican dollar assayed, and finding it contained all these things, so told the mint bureau.

Dr. Emmens' work is attracting more attention in France than it is in this country, and both scientific and lay publications there have printed pages on the subject. One of the earnest objects of the French papers is to take from the "Yankee doctor" the credit of discovering the philosopher's stone. It was not a Yankee, they say, but a Frenchman who first made gold from silver, and that Frenchman is Theodore Tiffereau. Tiffereau, they say, made gold from silver and brass 50 years ago.

On Dr. Emmens' desk is a little leather casket in which are three specimens of Tiffereau's gold. Tiffereau himself sent them to the doctor with a certificate, saying that the gold was made in Mexico in 1847. Dr. Emmens is entirely satisfied of the correctness of the statement.

Tiffereau had a hard time with his discovery. He went back to France with it and confided it to the government. A test was attempted. Some of the conditions were not fulfilled; the test went wrong. The government refused to make another. So Tiffereau has been waiting 50 years for recognition. Now he has sent to Dr. Emmens the formula for his process, and at the Staten Island laboratory Dr. Emmens is repeating Tiffereau's experiments. Tiffereau claimed that he could never get as good results in France as he had got in Mexico, and he attributed it to the sunlight. Under the conditions here he hopes that Dr. Emmens will repeat his early success. Dr. Emmens says that, though the process differs entirely from his, he has no doubt Tiffereau was right.

Until Dr. Emmens produces gold in enormous quantities, there will be no means of verifying his claims, although his high standing in the scientific world has given them a weight which entitles them to the most respectful consideration. If in a year's time Dr. Emmens is increasing the world's gold supply by $650,000 a month, he will be unsettling financial conditions in a degree that will draw the world's attention to him.

And what will be the outcome if his hopes are realized? It means revolution, of course, financial, political, commercial. The gold standard will become a mockery if artificial gold is manufactured in enormous quantities. If its manufacture becomes universal, the value of silver will bound up to three or four times the value of gold. The owners of silver mines, next to the alchemists, will become the wealthiest men in the United States. The holders of the gold bonds so much coveted today will find themselves impoverished. The whole earth will be turned topsy turvy. Is Dr. Emmens prepared to father chaos? Or will he be content to make ten or fifty or a hundred millions for the argentaurum syndicate and then break his machinery and let his secret go with him to the grave?

There is one reason for believing that even if Dr. Emmens is right the making of gold may not become universal, at least for a long time. With the cheapening of gold, the men who hold the key to its production would find their profits dwindling to the point where it would no longer pay to manufacture gold from silver. And Dr. Emmens has said that not science, but "money greed," was his incentive in his search for the philosopher's stone.

GEORGE GRANTHAM BAIN.

PILLSBURY, THE FLOUR KING, TALKS ON THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.

[Special Correspondence.]

Minneapolis, Dec. 16.—Charles A. Pillsbury, the flour king, consented yesterday to be interviewed on the subject of dollar wheat and the outlook for future prices of that cereal. The following interview was submitted to Mr. Pillsbury and by him corrected:

"The present condition of the wheat market," he said, "is attributable to causes which, in my opinion, will keep the price of that commodity at higher prices than the average for the past few years for many years to come. As a matter of fact, we have unconsciously been consuming both a visible and invisible supply at a greater rate than we supposed, so that at present the visible and invisible supply is at the lowest point known in the history of the wheat markets.

"This fact would have been evident long ago had it not been for the increased facilities of transportation which have enabled us to handle a small supply so as to place it on the market with great rapidity at points where it was most seriously needed, but apparently the limit in this direction has been reached, and with the bread eaters of the world increasing in number as rapidly as they have in the past few years the time must inevitably come when production must be greater in order to supply the legitimate demand.

"Too much stress has been laid, I think, upon the part that the failure of the crop in the Argentine Republic has played in the upward tendency of the price of wheat, for it must be remembered that the total crop of that country does not equal the crop grown in any one of our own states of Minnesota, Kansas and North Dakota.

"To these states we must look in this country for increased acreage and production. They are the great wheat producers, and their farmers only require the stimulus of a settled price at a high figure, due to a constant demand, to induce them to plant more extensively than they are now doing. It is obvious that it is to the western and not to the central states that we must look in this country for more wheat.

"The eastern farmers will need constantly more and more land for grazing and agricultural purposes, and they cannot hope to compete with the fertile and practically boundless territory of the great states that I have mentioned. It is equally certain that the western farmer would not feel justified in planting to the large extent that present conditions seem to demand if he thought that the demand was to be temporary, but it is easily demonstrated and may be confidently predicted that the demand will be constant and will grow, rather than decrease.

"Only to-day the Japanese government has been taking steps looking to the extensive introduction of wheat as a food to supplant the rice diet that has been the staple of that country for centuries. This is only one instance of the new markets that must inevitably open as iron becomes more thoroughly under the domination of European customs and habits.

"The Japanese have, it is said, ascribed to the rice diet the small stature of the people of that race. Be that as it may, one thing is sure, that wheat contains in its kernel all the essentials for the most wholesome food that mankind can assimilate. This is demonstrable not only by the chemistry of food, but by the experience of those races that have used wheat in some form as their staple diet.

"From this fact it is evident that as the peoples who now lie outside of the more modern civilization come within its pale there will inevitably come a time when they will conform in diet as well as in legislation, costume and other details to their elder brethren, and when this happens wheat will of course take its place at the head of the dietetic scale.

"This means that the demand which now forces wheat to 81 will continue as a permanent factor to be counted upon, and with the wheatgrower is fully assured of this fact he will not be tardy in laying his plans to plant as many more acres as he foresees will find a purchaser in the markets of the world.



CHARLES A. PILLSBURY.

"America is the country to which the nations of the future must look for their supply of this commodity, for India and Russia, though they have increased their acreage, have about reached their limit, and in England the wheat crop has diminished instead of keeping abreast of the growing demand.

"I have said that wheat contains all the essentials for a perfect diet, and I should like here to explain why, if this be true, it should not be eaten entire instead of being separated, as it is when made into flour or any preparation other than the whole grain itself.

"This is because no nation ever attempts to live solely upon wheat. Other foods—fish, meat, lentils and so on—are taken in connection with the product of wheat itself, and it is therefore not only necessary, but undesirable that the whole grain should be consumed. Otherwise, in the attempt to get variety, there would be an excess of nutritive qualities that is quite as much to be avoided as a deficiency of those qualities.

"I have endeavored to show what, in my opinion, are the causes which have led to the present market rate of wheat and what the causes will be which will maintain this rate, and inferentially this means that America must ultimately take her place as the great granary and mill of the civilized nations of the world.

"Of course it would be impossible, if my views are correct, and the entire population of the whole world become bread eaters, for any production of wheat, however great, to supply the demand. That difficulty will be met in all probability by still further advances along the line of rapid transportation, so that when means of distribution are perfected there need be no fear of a bread famine in any quarter of the globe."

ROBERT J. ELLENWOOD.

Objection to Stagecoaches.

In 1762 there were, strange as it seems, only six stagecoaches running in all England, and of course these were the only public vehicles for travelers. Even these were a novelty, and a person named John Crosset thought they were such a dangerous innovation that he wrote a pamphlet against them. "These coaches," he wrote, "make gentlemen come to London upon every small occasion, which otherwise they would not do except upon urgent necessity. Nay, the convenience of the passage makes their wives come often up, who, rather than come such long journeys on horseback, would stay at home. Then when they come to town they must be in the mode, get fine clothes, go to plays and treats and by these means get such a habit of idleness and love of pleasure that they are uneasy after." Even people who come to the city on steam cars are sometimes similarly affected by the visits even unto this day.

The Deadly Upas Tree.

Most people have at least heard the story of the deadly upas tree of Java, of which it was at one time said that to merely approach it was certain death. This story was treated as an absolute fable, but now it seems as if there was actually some basis of real fact for it.

The upas tree is a real tree and a very big one. In the old trees the bark is over an inch thick and full of a thick, milky juice, the merest touch of which upon the skin produces a most painful and irritating rash.

What is more, a gas arises from this juice which has a most poisonous effect upon any one near it. It is sometimes used by the natives for satisfying private revenge, for a cup of it hidden in the room of a sleeper produces stupor and eventually death.

Destruction of the Pine Moth.

German foresters have found a sure remedy for the destruction of the pine moth in the heavy pine forests of the fatherland. The caterpillars born the latter part of August descend to winter quarters in the heavy moss at the foot of the trees. Early in the spring they usually climb the trunks and eat the tender green needles. Now the foresters scrape a broad band in the bark around the trunk and coat the smooth space with a mixture of glue, grease and tar. This kills the insects.

THE PACIFIC COAST NAVAL PENITENTIARY.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The laws of congress for the government of the navy or, as these laws are popularly styled, the "articles of war," designate a host of offenses for which an enlisted man of the naval service may be tried by a court martial and sentenced to imprisonment and labor, and they stipulate that such sentences may be carried into effect in any prison or penitentiary which the United States may be allowed to use by any state or territory.

Some of these offenses are of the same nature as those which are tried before civil courts, such as assault, murder and robbery, but by far the greater number are against military discipline, such as desertion, insubordination and fraudulent enlistment.

For many years enlisted men sentenced by courts martial were confined in the different state prisons, the expense being borne by the general government through the navy department, but a great saving of expense in keeping these prisoners was effected by the establishment of several naval prisons at the different navy yards, which were directly under the control of the naval authorities.

Prisons were thus started at the Boston, New York and Mare Island navy yards, and two of these are now in operation, the one at Boston for the east coast and that at Mare Island for the west coast.

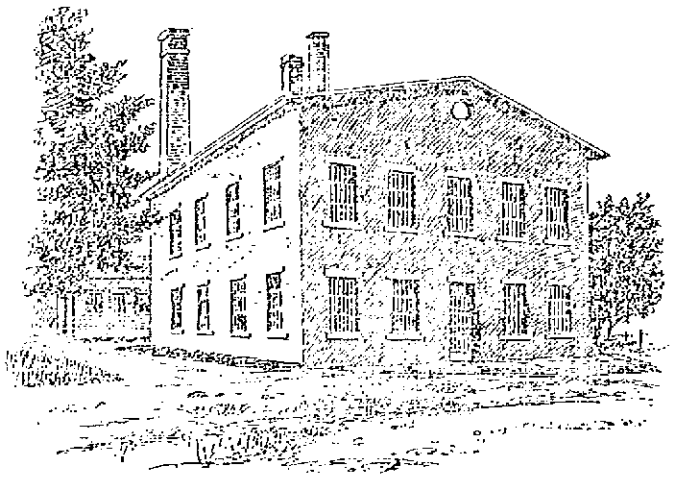
The prison at Mare Island where the sailors and marines of the Pacific squadrons and shore stations who are sentenced by naval courts to imprisonment are confined is situated back of the marine barracks at that station and is directly under the command of the commandant of the barracks.

It is a plain rectangular brick building, with rows of iron barred windows, which give it anything but a cheerful aspect. Inside of this building is a second boxlike structure of brick and concrete, which contains the cells, 24 in number, arranged in two stories, six on a side, opening on corridors that run along the sides of the main building. The doors of the second story are of steel gratings, and steel grates shut off the side corridors from those at each end of the building, while over the top of this inner prison is a large steel grating, thus effectually completing a prison within a prison.

The prison routine is exacting, and the strictest discipline is maintained, yet the prisoners, as a rule, are cheerful, and but few complaints are made. During the day the prisoners are taken out under guard of armed sentries and required to work about the buildings and grounds. The work, however, is light and gives them a chance at exercise and relief from the tedium of enforced idleness behind iron barred doors. At all times an armed sentry paces up and down the front corridor of the prison, so that escape is well nigh impossible. During the day the prisoners are allowed the freedom of the corridors, and talking and reading are allowed. Unless undergoing special punishment on bread and water for five days or less the regular ration is served out to them, and smoking is allowed for one hour after each meal.

At 8:30 p. m. the sergeant of the guard searches each prisoner and cell and issues to each one a straw filled mattress and pillow and blanket, after which all are locked in the individual cells, and the strictest silence is required.

At 6 o'clock in the morning the cell doors are opened and the inmates turn in their bedding, are again inspected and allowed to wash and dress for the day. At 6:45 a. m. they have breakfast, and at 8 o'clock go out to work; from noon to 1 o'clock is dinner hour and then a period of work from 1 to 4 o'clock, with supper at 5 o'clock. Each cell contains a small iron bedstead with a wire spring bottom, a stool, a bucket and a water bottle, and the limited wardrobe of each prisoner is stowed in a small wire locker in the corridor. Saturdays they are employed mending their clothing and are required to take a bath and change their clothing.



THE NAVAL PRISON AT MARE ISLAND.

All mail for the prisoners is opened in the presence of an officer, and if it contains nothing contraband is turned over to them, while on Sundays they are allowed a limited amount of writing material and can attend to their correspondence, all of which must be scrutinized by the officer on duty to prevent any attempt at planning an escape.

The prison is thoroughly inspected each morning by the officer on duty, and the whole prison is kept spotlessly clean from top to bottom. The sanitary arrangements are the best, the building being heated by steam, lighted by electricity and fitted with porcelain lined baths and the best sanitary plumbing. While in confinement all the pay of an enlisted man is generally stopped, except $2 or $3 a month for necessary prison expenses, such as tobacco, stationery and clothing. No distinctive prison garb is worn as in civil prisons, but the uniform of the branch of the service to which each one belongs is allowed.

Visitors are only allowed in the prison by authority of the commandant.

Infractions against the prison discipline by the inmates are punished by solitary confinement on bread and water or in single or double irons for periods of several days, according to the offense. Good behavior has its reward in a remission of a portion of the sentence, in some cases as much as one-fourth of the sentence being remitted.

The commonest offense for which sailors and marines are sent to the prison is desertion, and the sentence is usually one year in prison, with loss of pay and dishonorable discharge from the service, which takes away from the guilty one for life the rights of citizenship in the United States or to hold any office of trust or profit under the government. Fraudulent enlistment, leaving post or station without authority, disobedience of orders, neglect of duty, drunkenness, gambling, fraud, theft, striking other persons in the service and insubordination are also offenses for which men are sometimes imprisoned.

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Suez Canal Signals.

A most ingenious system is employed by which the director of the Suez canal can tell at a glance the exact position of all vessels passing through it. A model is placed in the office at Port Said, and the whole canal is worked from headquarters by means of the telegraph, the position of each ship being marked by a figure on the model. It is thus made easy to arrange for vessels passing each other.

Where Kissing Is Legal.

Holland's court of appeals once decided in a case of assault by a young man who kissed an unwilling girl in a street of Utrecht, that "to kiss a person cannot be an offense, as it is in the nature of a warm mark of sympathy," and dismissed the case.

POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Undertaker Smith of Leavenworth, Kan., at the recent reunion of the Grand Army veterans, displayed in front of his establishment a huge sign, "Welcome, comrades."

Count Tolstoi, about whose health disquieting reports reached this country not long since, has completely recovered. Next spring he intends to undertake a journey of about two years' duration, in the course of which he will visit the great cities of the old and new worlds—apparently, therefore, planning to visit this country. It is also said that he has finished two short novels drawn from the life of the Russian aristocracy and from that of the peasantry.

Ex-Secretary Carlisle during the last campaign in Kentucky was asked if he were going to make any speeches. "I should like to do so," said Mr. Carlisle, "but I cannot neglect my practice. You see, I have got through with that $10,000,000 matter of the bond sale, and now I must hustle for a living."

Justice Darling, recently elevated to the woolsack, is a keen humorist. When Mr. Gladstone was beginning to give up the leadership of parliament to Sir William Harcourt, it was noticed that he always left at the dinner hour, and Sir William led during the evening. One evening Mr. Dorling, noticing that this had happened as usual, drove Sir William to fury and convulsed the house by remarking, "I notice lately that the party opposite, adopting an ancient precedent, have set up a greater light to rule the day and a lesser light to rule the night."

Press dispatches from New York announce that one Kirk appeared in court as a prisoner dressed in black frock coat, yellow waistcoat, striped black and white trousers and patent leather shoes, the uppers of which matched the trousers. And yet the same dispatches stated his offense was a mystery.

Roman Nose and White Horse, with 150 Arapahoes and Cheyennes, recently rode into Harper, Kan., and compelled the white girls to participate in an impromptu ball which they insisted upon giving in the public square of that town.

Miss Marie Audubon, the great-granddaughter of the naturalist, has spent 12 years in translating from the French the journals of her illustrious ancestor.

The Marquis of Salisbury has been in official life about 44 years.

MANY DIVIDENDS PASSED

By the Mills of Fall River Say the Leading Officials.

Eleven of the Mills Made no Profits—Earnings of All Averaged Less Than Four Per Cent.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 20.—The annual dividend list of the Fall River mills has been issued from the office of G. M. Haffards & Co. and furnishes a striking argument from their standpoint in favor of the contention of the manufacturers that business must be conducted on a lower basis. As against three mills which did not pay dividends in 1893, 11 have passed entirely this year, and that paid by the Anawan is the result of a sale of real estate, and does not properly represent earnings.

The list shows an increase of $500,000 in capital invested, the new Arkwright mill being included in the list, although cotton has not yet been put in. This leaves the total capital invested upon which to base the amount of dividends paid at the same figure as one year ago, $22,933,000. In addition to the Anawan, Fall River manufactory and Barnaby gingham mill, which has not paid dividends for some time, the Conanicut, Globe yarn, Laurel Lake, Metacomet, Pocasset, Robeson, Slade, Weetamoe and Kerr thread have paid their stockholders nothing during the past year.

The earnings of the mills as represented by the amount paid out in dividends were $776,300, against $1,368,876 in 1896 and $1,742,526 in 1895. This is an average on the total capital invested of 3.38 per cent. against 5.95 per cent in 1896 and 8.18 per cent in 1895. The percentages would be much smaller were it not for the Bourne, which has paid a regular monthly dividend of 1 per cent and an additional dividend of 6 per cent in August. This mill is situated just across the state line in Rhode Island, and is subject to the labor laws of the latter state, though deriving all the benefits of the Fall River market. It also gains through the lower tax rate to which the property is subject.

The conference prayed for by the labor unions was held this afternoon. To the surprise of everyone, the manufacturers' executive committee Saturday signified a willingness to meet representatives of the operatives for a plain talk on the situation.

REDUCTION CONDEMNED.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Sunday the Central Labor union devoted considerable attention to the municipal campaign because of the charge that it had been "dragged into the mud of local politics through indiscretions of a delegate." Resolutions condemning such action were passed.

The proposed reduction of wages in Fall River and other New England mill towns was discussed and vigorously condemned. The alleged reason for such a cutdown (southern competition) was ridiculed, the delegates claiming that this furnished no adequate excuse, as the textile workers of the north and particularly of New England are vastly superior to the operatives of the southern mills. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the members of the Arkwright club have prepared a Christmas and New Year's gift for their employes in the shape of less to live on—if such a thing is possible—and generously drawn their attent' n to the former slave of the south in a sarcastic spirit, which for coldbloodedness reminds us of the taskmaster, Pharoah;

"Resolved, that we, the representatives of organized labor, protest against the proposed reduction of the wages of the textile operatives of Fall River."

An eight-hour meeting of the labor organizations and workmen of Boston and vicinity was determined upon for Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. The executive committee was also instructed to draft a bill to the next legislature making election days legal holidays.

RUSSIA INVADES CHINA

Occupation of Port Arthur by the Russian Fleet.

Regarded as a Reply to Germany—Anxiety Expressed by the Press of Berlin.

London, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of The Times at Pekin says: "China approves of the Russian fleet entering at Port Arthur, being persuaded that this action is taken in the interests of China and necessitated by the German occupation of Kiao-Chau."

A dispatch to The Times from Shanghai says the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia cannot fail to provoke popular indignation in Japan, where public opinion is already excited over the Kiao-Chau affair.

According to a dispatch to The Daily Mail from Shanghai, the high officials of the Chinese court have advised the emperor, in view of further complications, to remove the court to Nanking, the southern capital. The dispatch says it is reported there that overtures have been made to England to exercise protection over the Yang-Tse valley and to West river, and that numerous rumors are current regarding the activity of the British squadron in Chines waters.

The Times, commenting editorially this morning on the situation in China, says: "Instead of the kaiser's mailed fist, we have Russia's velvet glove; but the grasp is not less vigorous and unyielding. Great Britain ought now courteously to invite China to extend the same privileges to the British fleet at Chusan."

Telegrams from all the continental capitals show that Russia's step at Port Arthur is regarded as tantamount to a permanent occupation and a reply to Germany's action. A well-informed St. Petersburg correspondent says there was no agreement between Russia and Germany, and that the latter simply warned Russia when the occupation of Kiao-Chau was already decided upon.

The Novoe Vremya pretends that Japan has no cause for complaint "since China is only giving the same shelter to Russian ships as Japan had hitherto so kindly offered." This view is not held in Berlin, where the papers are already talking of the possibility of Prince Henry having to shake his mailed fist at Japan that is supposed to be secretly backed up by England. Some of the Berlin papers express anxiety, but most of them welcome the news from Port Arthur as justifying the German position at Kiao-Chau, if not as actual evidence that Russia and Germany are acting together. Curiously enough Emperor William visited the Russian embassador on Friday night on his return from Kiel, ostensibly to congratulate him on the name day of Emperor Nicholas. The visit lasted an hour. There is no doubt now that the emperor and the ambassador discussed Chinese affairs.

The Paris papers, without pretending to be deceived by Russia's innocent explanations, are pleased with the action of the ally of France. The burden of Viennese comment is: "What will England do?" The British fleet in Chinese waters consists of one ironclad, nine cruisers and 18 smaller men-of-war.

The only possible explanation of the reported action at Port Arthur would be that it is not Russia's intention that Germany shall actually initiate the partition of China. A Russian diplomatist thus describes the situation: "Nobody can help foreseeing a possible outbreak in China. Therefore it is necessary clearly to define our spheres of influence and our possessions and likewise those of Germany. Thus we might give Germany carte blanche for the development of her commerce in China, while we remain the friends and defenders of China."

UNDER A BLACK CLOUD.

Boston, Dec. 20.—A young man named Black, who, up to a week ago was employed by Smith, Patterson & Co., jewelers, is wanted by Chief Inspector Watts of the police. It is alleged that he is guilty of larceny, but the amount involved is not known.

The local police were notified last week that an attempt had been made in New York to pawn jewelry supposed to belong to Smith, Patterson & Co., but that the man who tried to raise the money had escaped from the custody of a private detective, whom the pawnbroker had employed to look up he case. Considerable jewelry was found in Black's baggage at the Broadway Central hotel, but the Boston firm is unable to give any idea as to whether its salesman, whose description as given by the New York police agrees with that of Black, had succeeded in pawning more of his samples. The firm was not aware of any loss until apprised by the chief of his discovery.

ADMISSION OF WEAKNESS.

Paris, Dec. 20.—In a letter to Mr. Dufeuill, who has just resigned the position of Orleans representative in France, the Duke of Orleans says: "French public opinion is returning to moderate conservative ideas. The monarchists should not try to impede this salutary movement, inasmuch as what ought to be considered is not the immediate apparent advantage of party, but the higher interests of France."

A paper, commenting on the letter, calls it a "striking admission of weakness, almost amounting to a practical renunciation of the Orleans claims."

BAD STORM IN TEXAS.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—One of the worst sleet storms in the history of Texas prevailed in that state yesterday. It is impossible to get any information whatever from Dallas, the center of the storm section, as all the wires are down.

As showing the extent of the storm, the telegraph companies can get no nearer Dallas on the routes than Waco, Marshall on the east, Eagle pass on the west and some points in the southern part of the Indian territory north, showing that it covers several hundred miles of territory.

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THE GANG CONFESSED.

Amesbury, Dec. 20.—Salisbury was the scene of several burglaries, four stores having been among the places entered. Considerable booty was secured by the thieves, including small sums of money. The local authorities did their best to stop the thieves, and being unable to do so, called upon State Officer Hammond for assistance. The latter looked the field over, noted that William Nichols, L. W. Dow, C. F. Dow and C. S. Bray were always together, and from other evidence decided to place them under arrest. This was done, and the prisoners confessed, telling where much of the plunder had been hidden.

Search was made, and nearly all of the property stolen from the different places in Salisbury was recovered. Butter which was taken from a grocery store in tubs was found buried in a back yard. Other articles were hidden in a hencoop on the Dow premises, and still other merchandise had been placed in thickets in the woods. The total value of the plunder was several hundred dollars.

ROBBED A POSTOFFICE.

Canal Dover, O., Dec. 20.—Robbers effected an entrance into the postoffice Saturday night, blew open the safe with dynamite and secured $100 in money order funds, $50 worth of stamps, $75 in money belonging to the postmaster, and a diamond ring belonging to his daughter. Although the robbery occurred in the heart of the city, no one heard the explosion and the robbers escaped. Inspector A. B. Holmes is trailing two suspects.

ROBBED BY MASKED MEN.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 20.—Friday night masked robbers entered the house of Warren Spaulding and wife, two miles from Hubbardston on a remote road. Mrs. Spaulding was thrown to one side, a revolver was placed at the head of Spaulding and demands were made on Mrs. Spaulding for money. Forty dollars were secured.

BOXER SHOT HIS WIFE.

Alpena, Mich., Dec. 20.—Sunday afternoon Maurice E. Casey, aged 40 years, a teacher of boxing, went to the home of his wife's mother, called his wife to the door and shot her four times with a revolver. One of the shots struck her just under the right eye, and it is feared penetrated the brain. The others took effect in the arm and hips. Casey then went toward the river and it is thought drowned himself.

The couple have not lived happily for years, and recently were granted a legal separation, each being given the custody of one child. Physicians say Mrs. Casey cannot live.

SMALLPOX ON A STEAMER.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Holland-American line steamer Edam arrived at quarantine Saturday night from Amsterdam and Bologne with 277 steerage passengers, and anchored to await the visit of the health officers. When the passengers were inspected the health officers found an infant suffering with smallpox. It was decided to vaccinate all insufficiently protected passengers and to remove all to Hoffman island for observation of 14 days.

RAT KILLERS' BATTLE

IT WAS CELEBRATED BY A BANQUET AT A SCHOOLHOUSE.

Two Hundred People Participated In the Feast—The Dogs Were Guests of Honor. Nearly Five Thousand Rat Tails Exhibited as Proof of the Slaughter.

At the little schoolhouse in Gurneyville, O., 200 people a few nights ago sat down to a novel banquet. It was a feast in honor of the great rat killing contest which was waged for three days in the northern edge of Clinton county and resulted in the slaughter of 4,920 rodents.

The banquet was tendered by the losing side in the contest, and the dogs which had participated in the hunt were guests of honor. While the men and their ladies participated in the feast and recounted their battles, the dogs were decorated with ribbons and petted as probably they never were before.

The vicinity in which the contest took place is one of the best communities in that part of Ohio, and the participants were young men from the best families and older ones at the head of the best families.

One evening not long ago, while a considerable company of men, young and old, was spending the evening in the Gurneyville postoffice, a comfortable and hospitable loafing place for the community, where all the neighborhood news is fully discussed, the subject of rats and the great annoyance they are to farmers was brought up and duly considered. Finally some one proposed that an army be raised in the vicinity for the purpose of exterminating as many rodents as possible. To make the expedition interesting it was suggested that sides be chosen and a supper to the whole party be given on the Saturday night following the end of the affair by the side losing the contest, the supper to include the families and invited guests of the contestants.

The idea struck the crowd favorably, and immediately Mr. E. A. Oren, son of ex-State Senator Jesse N. Oren, and Mr. Elbert Kirk were chosen as captains of the hosts, and they chose their sides, 30 men each.

The next morning the hunt began, and groups of men could be seen driving out over the country in all directions, eight or ten in a party. All the rat dogs in the country for miles around were called into use, while the men were armed with clubs. The hunters would drive up to a farmhouse and make known their mission to the farmer, who would gladly join them, and turn over his barn, straw stacks, chicken houses and other outbuildings to the dogs and hunters. Then would commence the work of removing the rubbish, tearing up floors, forking hay and shoveling corn, all of these things being required in driving the rats out, so that the dogs could get at them. Sometimes in a close corner in a corn bin a nest of a dozen large rats would be disturbed, and they would fly in all directions for liberty, not infrequently taking refuge up a hunter's leg, pursued by the snapping dogs, amid shouts of laughter.

In more than one instance men were bitten by the infuriated rats, and sometimes the dozen dogs would have all they could do to manage an army of rats, such as would be brought to bay by tearing up the floor of a barn, which was often done. In several instances a hundred rats would be killed in a few minutes, which would make a lively time for the dogs and men, all of whom would come out of the scrimmage as bloody as butchers, and not without wounds either. At each place the hunt would wind up with amputating the rats' tails, which were to be used as evidence of the number killed.

The greatest numbers of rats were caught at the barns of F. L. Carey, 200; J. R. Johnston, 230, and George McCune, 205. Clayton Babb was considered the champion catcher, often using his bare hands to snare the rat when the dogs were not handy, and he secured more tails than anybody. The champion dogs were A. E. Oren's water spaniel, J. D. Hurley's and W. B. Hamilton's small rat dogs and E. L. Carey's rat dogs. This work went on for three days, and no one had any idea how many rats were being killed, few of them dreaming that the number was running away up in the thousands until the end of the week, when the two sides met at the Gurneyville postoffice to count up the tails. It was found that Elbert Kirk and his company had caught 2,468 and Arthur Oren and his company had caught 2,452, making a total of 4,920.

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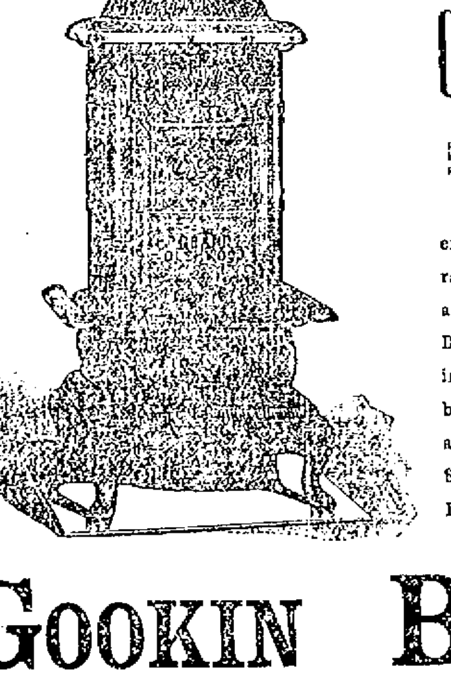
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LADIES AND GENTS WORRIED OVER business matters, consult Clairvoyant and Palmist Hand. Readings 25c.; sittings 50c. to $1, for a short time. J. C. Sturgis, 162 Merrimack St., up two flights.

LOST—POCKETBOOK BETWEEN EAST Merrimack street and Oaklands. Finder return to this office.

I WANT LADIES TO SELL THE IDEAL Hair Fastener. Sample 25 cents. For particulars address Box 187, Weston, Mass.

LOST—FROM HIS CARRIAGE A PHYSICIAN'S hand bag containing medicine and instruments. Whoever shall return the same to No. 17 Kirk street shall be handsomely rewarded.

TO LET—FLAT OF SIX ROOMS, FURNISHED, including piano, all ready for housekeeping, within five minutes walk of post office. Inquire 9 Barristers Hall, cor. Central and Merrimack streets.

FOUND THREE KEYS TIED TOGETHER with a string, in front of Chalifoux's store Saturday night. Owner can have by calling at this office.

STOP PAYING RENT:

Moody street—new modern dwelling, 8 rooms attic, bath room, pantry, sideboard, hot and cold water furnace heat, maple floors, piazzas, balcony, both head, cemented cellar, etc. Seventh avenue—new 2 1-2 story house, 8 rooms, attic, pantry, bath room, hot and cold water, maple floors, piazza and balcony, nice cellar. Each lot is high, dry and very sightly. Small amount down, balance $15 a month. Albert J. Ryan, 29A, Hildreth Building, (Old PostOffice.)

Land Sale
In Pawtucketville
In the New District
Will be at the corner of Moody street and Fourth avenue every afternoon.
WM. H. EMERY.

FOR CHRISTMAS, 1897
Choice Candy, Nuts, Grapes, Oranges, Bananas, Figs, Dates, etc., etc. Fancy Fat Turkeys at popular prices.
Give us a call and we will please you.

F. M. BARNEY & CO.
Grocers, Bakers, Meat and Provision Dealers
413 MIDDLESEX STREET.
28 THORNDIKE STREET
Tel 144-4 Warren Bank Block

ONE OF THE FINEST
Grocery Stores
in this city can be had at a very low figure of the modernly equipped and up-to-date, on ones. All main streets. Call at
DONOVAN & MANSUR'S,
Room 1, Swan Building, 20 Central street, Lowell, Mass. Telephone 405-4.

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON.

Southern Division.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5 45	6 53	6 10	§7 07
6 25	7 42	6 23	7 43
6 42	7 52	6 40	§7 55
§7 04	8 02	7 55	9 16
*§7 20	8 10	*8 30	§9 10
§7 28	8 15	*9 00	§9 35
§7 33	8 50	9 10	§10 23
*8 41	8 37	10 17	11 30
*8 30	9 40	10 41	11 36
9 15	10 05	11 30	§12 07
9 42	10 40	12 00	§12 00
11 05	12 04	*1 05	§1 35
§11 42	12 25	2 00	3 01
§12 15	1 05	*3 00	§3 35
1 40	2 50	3 47	5 03
2 00	4 25	4 11	§5 34
*§3 51	4 33	*5 00	5 47
4 25	6 50	5 35	6 35
§5 27	6 15	5 47	6 57
5 44	7 10	6 14	7 32
*§6 22	7 05	*7 30	§8 05
*§7 43	8 30	*8 05	§8 35
		10 15	11 27
		§11 21	12 25

Sunday Trains.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
§7 20	8 19	2 15	§3 05
§7 25	8 15	3 00	§4 07
8 45	9 50	4 00	§1 57
§9 15	10 10	5 00	§5 52
§4 20	5 32	7 30	§8 1[illegible]
§6 50	7 16	8 00	§8 35
		9 00	10 15

Western Division.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6 50	7 03	7 30	8 33
8 15	9 15	9 25	10 37
9 25	10 30	10 25	11 4[illegible]
10 50	12 02	11 50	1 06
12 05	1 37	2 15	3 19
12 15	1 55	3 10	4 05
2 30	3 44	4 25	5 45
3 20	4 22	5 01	6 20
4 05	5 23	6 01	7 15
6 10	6 42	6 35	7 45
6 15	7 30	9 40	10 37
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9 25	10 30		

Sunday Trains.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
8 15	9 27	8 00	9 17
12 05	1 26	11 45	12 58
4 15	5 25	6 00	6 56
6 30	6 55	7 00	8 12
7 25	8 45		

Trains by this division leave Lowell from Middlesex street station.

Leave Boston from the new Union Station, Causeway street.

*Express.

§From Middlesex St station only.

u Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS

A large assortment of Prayer Books, Pearl Rosaries, [illegible], Sanctuary Lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present at Murphy's, 18 [illegible]

HOLIDAY GOO[illegible] [illegible]ALES.

We have a big line of Holiday Goods, which we are selling at a very low price. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 64 Merrimack street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins., 223 Central street

F. A. M. Tobin, printing. Telephone, 686-4.

Solid gold 14 carat Ladies watches, $18.50. Harris, 10 Appleton street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson St. Telephone, 429-4.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Cold? Well, buy your coal of Rourke & Sullivan. It will keep your house comfortable. 223 Central street, 931 Gorham street.

REPORT OF DEATHS.

FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1897.

9— ——Carville, 2 hours, prem. birth
10—John E. Smith, 61, paralysis.
Annie M. Ryan, 21, rheumatism.
11—Benjamin Rushworth, 75, apoplexy.
Mary A. Howard, 61, chronic bronchitis.
Mary A. Murdock, 40, apoplexy.
Mary M. O'Dwyer, 3 m., bronchitis.
Everett Regan, 1 m., chol. inft.
Louis Lacourse, 2 days, debility.
12—Charles A. Ryan, 27, malignant endocarditis.
Wesley G. Edwards, 23, pneumonia.
Sadie M. Mason, 2, leukaemia.
13—Henry T. Munroe, 61, pulm. tuberculosis.
Abbie R. Waterhouse, 39, congestion of lungs.
Annie McDermott, 11, diphtheria.
14—William A. Smith 22, phthisis.
Annie Thiverge, 22, phthisis.
Marie Marell, 1, chol. inft.
15—Jane Berry, 51, apoplexy.
John Bowen, 60, meningitis.
Michael McNamee, 50, fracture of skull.
Estelle Bernier, 46, cardiac hypertrophy.
Lena G. Gill, 1, diphtheria.
Edith L. Bennett, 2 mos., inanition.
William Foley, 1 day, cyanosis.
16—Nancy A. Prescott, 82, goitre.
Mary Cahill, 70, apoplexy.
Joseph S. Mayo, 27, pneumonia.
17—Mary A. Kimball, 70, intestinal obstruction.
—— Domingue, 1 day, prem. birth.

—Girard P. Dadman,
City Clerk.

MISS MARION STOTT

FORMALLY INTRODUCED TO SOCIETY ON SATURDAY.

Miss Marion Stott, youngest daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Charles A. Stott of Belvidere, made her formal entrance to society on Saturday, the incidental coming-out party being one of the social events of the season. Over 600 invitations were sent out and the gathering was a brilliant one.

The beautiful home of the debutante was exquisitely decorated with plants and roses. Miss Stott received in the drawing rom from 2 to 6, being assisted by Mrs. Stott. The American orchestra, hidden from view, rendered agreeable music during the reception. In the evening, there was dancing until 10 o'clock.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by the Page company at the close of the reception. Those who poured were Mrs. F. W. Howe, Mrs. F. P. Marble, Mrs. F. E. Dunbar, Mrs. Brooks Stevens, Miss Rebecca G. Norcross, and Miss Theresa White, assisted by Miss Olive Morrison of Boston, Miss Smith of Andover, Miss Wyman, Miss Estelle Irish, the Misses Conant, Miss Villette Burchard, Miss Sarah Ames, Miss Frances Plunkett, Miss Alice Rogers, Miss Lucy Stott, Miss Emily Coburn, Miss Bertha Howe and Miss Louise Taylor.

From Andover, there were, among others, Professor Churchill and Mrs. Churchill, Professor Taylor and Mrs. Taylor and representatives of the Smythe family, and from Boston Mr. and Mrs. Phipps.

WORKINGMEN AND MECHANICS.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

For sale, cheap, on easy terms, located on D street, near the Shaw Stocking company, on high and dry land, with good sewerage, convenient to schools, churches, and two lines of street cars, piped for gas and water; five cottage houses and one two-tenement house. These houses have all modern improvements and are suitably arranged for families. Part of these houses have just been completed and the rest will be finished, ready for occupancy in a very short time.

Terms liberal. A small amount down and the balance can be paid in monthly instalments.

Anyone desiring to go through these houses and inquire terms and prices, call on J. W. Bennett, the owner, at 561 Middlesex street.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

"Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

saved the lives of two of my children when to all appearance they were in the first stage of

Consumption."

J. W. HUFFORD, Farmington, Ia.

HALF-SIZE BOTTLES, 50c.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1897.

LOWELL.

James P. Dugdale et ux. to Catherine L. Collins, lot of land on Crawley street, $1.

Lucy B. Green to Azilda Blanchard land with buildings in Middlesex Village, $500.

Eugene G. Russell to Thomas Rouch, lot of land on Midland street, $1.

Hiram Whitney to Eliza E. Salls, land with buildings on Lincoln street, $1.

Gardner S. Gilman to Lina M. Palmer land with buildings on Wilder street, $1.

Ephraim A. Stevens to Lizzie A. Hubbard, land with buildings on Clough avenue, $1.

WILMINGTON.

Alfred L. Elliott to Joseph Williams, lot of land on Glen avenue, $1.

Almer T. Bryant to John R. Carter, lot of woodland, $1.

Martha Carter et al. to John R. Carter, lot of land, $1.

Abbie F. Sargent et al. to Henry Sheldon, lot of land on Woburn street, $1.

Henry Sheldon to Marion E. Russell, lot of land, $1.

CHELMSFORD.

Thomas C. Lee trustee to Christopher McGrath, lot of land on Highland park, $1.

CARLISLE.

Alice G. Green to John J. Bradley, the Cummings farm, $1000.

DUNSTABLE.

Joel Gilson to A. D. Fessenden, the Lawrence lot, $380.

Caroline W. Cheney to Frank H. Sargent, land with buildings, $1.

DRACUT.

James Stuart Murphy to Peter Rivers, lot of land at Brookside, $1.

Arthur Lyman, trustee, to Joseph E. Richards, lot of land at Kenwood, $1.

TYNGSBORO.

Arthur H. Sheldon, exr., to Albert E. Fisher, the William Hamblett estate, $186.

BILLERICA.

Fannie P. R. Colby et al. to Daniel Gage, lot of land, $700.

TEWKSBURY.

William H. Wiggin to James F. Sawyer, land with buildings at Wigginville, $1.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The Catholic church choirs are busily engaged rehearsing Christmas music. The programs will be unusually elaborate.

Rev. Fr. Quinnan of Scranton, Pa., a classmate at Allegheny College with Rev. Fr. McHugh of this city, celebrated high mass at St. Patrick's church yesterday. The sermon was preached by Rev. P. R. Ducey, formerly of Effingham, Ill.

Rev. Edward F. Saunders of Mt. St. Mary's seminary is visiting his parents in this city.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERSHIP.

We hear the name of Mr. C. L. McCleery, managing editor of the Morning Mail, mentioned in connection with the office of License Commissioner. Mr. McCleery is one of the cleanest men in Lowell, and the mayor could not do a better thing for the city than to appoint him, in case he could be prevailed upon to accept the position, which is by no means certain. Mr. McCleery is by all odds the ablest newspaperman in Lowell and is at the head of the most influential paper in the city. His honesty is unquestioned and with him there would be no peddling of licenses and no truck and dicker transactions.—The Lookout.

$1.00 PER WEEK PAYMENTS



START NOW!

Come yourself and bring your wife and children and get fitted out in a nice Suit or Overcoat for yourself, or a stylish Jacket, Cape or Skirt for your wife. A very small payment gets them now and then you pay balance while wearing them.

Men's Nobby Suits $5 and up.
Men's Nobby O'Coats $6 and up.
Men's Custom Made Suits $15 and up.
Ladies' Jackets $5 and up.

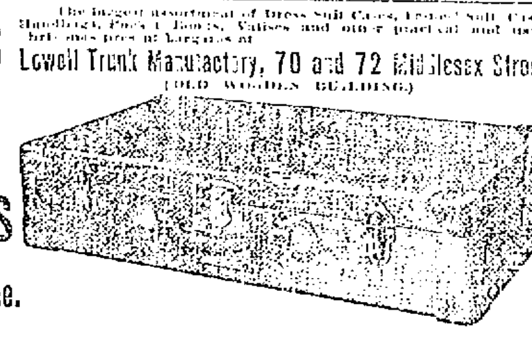
NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR CREDIT.

EMPIRE CREDIT CLOTHING CO., Over 97 Central St. Open Evenings

Dress Suit Cases

The largest assortment of Dress Suit Cases, [illegible] Suit Cases, Handbags, Pocket Books, Valises and other practical and useful [illegible] at bargains at

Lowell Trunk Manufactory, 70 and 72 Middlesex Street, (OLD WOODS BUILDING.)



P. F. Devine.

PITTSBURG WANTS IT IN 1900.

STEP TAKEN TO SECURE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF G. A. R.

Pittsburg Penn., Dec. 20.—The initial step toward securing the G.A.R. national encampment for Pittsburg in 1900 was taken Sunday by the Allegheny county G.A.R. association and the plan will be adopted at the coming Cincinnati gathering.

In connection with the encampment, if it should be held here, it is proposed to unveil a soldiers' monument, to cost in the neighborhood of $500,000. The Pennsylvania legislature of 1885 passed an act empowering each county to erect a suitable soldiers' monument at the expense of the citizens, the necessary amount to be raised by taxation.

OWEN A. GALVIN.

THE REMAINS VIEWED BY THOUSANDS OF FRIENDS.

A conservative estimate placed the number of callers at the home of the late Hon. Owen A. Galvin yesterday at 2000. Every one of them was a friend of the dead lawyer and they loved him dearly.

The Clover Glee club, under the direction of Prof. McLaughlin, rendered beautifully "Te Deum," "Ave Maria," and "Under a Tree." The club had charge of the musical part of the funeral services this morning at 9 o'clock at the cathedral.

The interment was at Holyhood cemetery, Brookline. The floral offerings are among the most elaborate of the florist's art.

Friends who called yesterday had the privilege of looking upon the familiar features of Mr. Galvin, in the parlor of his house, the casket being almost hidden by massive floral tributes from friends and organizations with which he was connected.

During the day, large delegations from the Knights of St. Rose, the Foresters, and the Knights of Columbus called to tender their sympathy to Mrs. Galvin and her three boys. Each delegation held a service of prayer.

Among the well known men who called were John W. Corcoran, James E. Cotter, Thomas J. Gargan, Thomas F. Galvin, Joseph H. O'Neil, J. Mitchel Galvin, Edward A. McLaughlin, Dr. George W. Galvin, Frank L. Wells, Thomas O'Callaghan, John P. Dore, Patrick Doherty, Dr. J. J. McLaughlin, John W. Mitchell, M. T. Callahan, John W. Mitchell, M. T. Callahan, John H. Bruen, M. J. Dwyer, Judge Farrell, Judge McDonough, and Edward F. Warren.

CRISP GOSSIP.

There is nothing like an investigation if one desires to know the truth and investigations often result in far different conclusions than are derived from mere report, as the following case will show. A few evenings ago passersby on a certain street in Belvidere were convulsed with laughter at seeing a well known young man walking along with a cup of custard in one hand and the warmest kind of feminine head attire adorning his chestnut locks, namely a lady's hat, a wonderful creation of feathers and green ribbon, and such green, including the country of Cleopatra, the 17th of March and the creme de menthe shades of that delightful color, all in one picturesque bunch. The hat was held to the rather unwilling head by a couple of gorgeous "strings" which ended in white lace that rested on his manly bosom with "bib" effect. The young man patrolled several streets to the great delight of all who saw him, everyone concluding that he was paying an election bet. Such was not the case, however, and the real cause is printed just to remind those dear delightful creatures in fantastic curls, ghoulish goggles and home emancipation of the sex and sigh for the days when men were chivalrous and they were young, that there is still a spark of gallantry left in even the Pin de siecle law student, for investigation reveals the fact that a couple of the most charming young ladies in Lowell had dared him to wear the hat through certain streets and that he might bask in the sunshine of their smiles, the young man, with a "die for you" air and a very much worried state of mind had accomplished the feat without loss of any of his faculties.

MAKE USEFUL PRESENTS.

Fancy Chairs, and Rockers, China Closets, Desks, Rugs, Couches, etc. The largest line of medium price goods in the city at A. E. O'Heir's & Co.'s, 16 Merrimack street. Open every evening this week.

All reports to the contrary, the police say they do not suspect anyone employed by Colonel Parker as having taken the jewelry Friday night.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

"I Would Go Tonight If I Only Had a Dress Suit."

How many times have you said that? You want to make a good appearance this winter. Well we are right up to date and can set you right. If you need a Dress Suit or anything in the tailoring line, come to us.

Louis Alexander,

Formerly of Fifth Avenue, New York Importer and Tailor,

NO. 65 CENTRAL STREET. LOWELL.

CATARRH CURED

And in Lowell Too; Full Report of the Case.

Nasal catarrh must be cured by local treatment, and in this, cleanliness of the nasal passages is the chief end and aim. The custom of habitually hawking and snuffing should be immediately stopped: besides being disgusting, it is unnecessary and productive of positive injury.

As proof that this disease can be easily and quickly cured, we present to you the testimony of people in your own city, from whose lips, if you wish you can learn if it is true. Here is a case:

Mrs. Annie Burns, who lives at 88 Elm street, says, "I got C. C. C. for my daughter Lizzie, who has suffered for the last two years with catarrh, it causing her much trouble and annoyance, by keeping her continually snuffing, hemming, hawking and spitting to keep her voice clear. She also had severe headaches. Now all these symtoms have entirely vanished and to C. C. C. California Catarrh Cure, we give credit and canont speak too highly in its praise."

California Catarrh Cure is for you, too; in case of colds it is invaluable, as it helps in breaking them up, and entirely prevents a cold "hanging on" as well as attacks of acute catarrh which so often follow a severe cold in the head.

whether from the elongated palate, In the case of tickling in the throat or superabundant secretions, gargling with California Catarrh Cure will afford relief and cure. Remember two things: Catarrh in any form is a local not a blood disease. It can be cured by California Catarrh Cure.

All dealers, 50 cents; three times as much, one dollar.

Get California Catarrh Cure. Take no substitute, for thousands of people, your own neighbors, say that nothing else gives such great relief, and nothing else will cure.

Xmas Week

AT THE

BON MARCHE

A bit of good luck, coupled with our usual untiring endeavors to please our thousands of customers, places on our counters this week, three lots of Holiday Goods at the LITTLEST PRICES, EVER KNOWN.

The first is a purchase of almost an entire factory stock consisting of thousands of pieces of beautiful hand painted hand made celluloid boxes, baskets, frames, cards, opal ware, etc., etc., at a mere faction of their value and which we will sell while they last for less than the price of the labor in making same.

5 Cents.

Hand Painted Celluloid Boxes, Silk Puffed.

Hand Painted Opal Vases.

Beautiful Silverette Trays Boxes, etc., etc.

10 Cents.

Hand Painted Silk and Celluloid Handkerchief, Glove, Necktie, Jewel and Veil Boxes, beautiful goods, some of which are worth 50 cents and none worth less than 25 cents.

There is also in this lot Opal Bon Bon Plates, hand painted and ribboned.

Silver novelties in all shapes and sizes same price 10 cents.

15c or 2 for 25c.

Hand Painted Novelties, Celluloid and Silk in Handkerchief, Glove, Necktie and Jewel Cases made to retail for 50 and 75 cents, your choice for 15 cents or 2 for 25 cents.

25 Cents

Hand-made and hand-painted 50c. to $1.00 goods, Fan Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Veil Boxes in Celluloid, Silk, Japan Silver, Austrian grass, etc. etc.

39 Cents

Baskets, Boxes and Cases, hand-painted, hand-made, with beautiful floral designs in all shapes and colors for Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuffs, Fans, Jewelry, Brush and Comb, Gloves, Neckties, Pins and Trinkets. These are artistic Novelties and cost as high as one dollar each at wholesale.

49 Cents.

An exquisite assortment of $1.00, $1.50 to $3.00, novelties in Lacquerad goods, Celluloid, Silk and Austrian Baskets, all artistically hand-painted and ornamented, strongly put together, not easily broken. Extraordinary values.

The second is a purchase of several hundred pieces of "STOCK SAMPLES" of the finest embossed Celluloid Cases, manufactured. Stock samples, means that they have been on exhibition at the Factory but have not been handled therefore are not injured in any way. The foregoing with our own fresh stock just opened and with the prices cut to correspond with the samples will make this the most elaborate line of highest grade goods ever shown here and lastly and leastly, is the price, Exquisite goods for nominal prices. The lot comprises Toilet Cases, Manicure Cases, Fan Cases, Glove Cases, Shaving Cases, Cuff and Collar Cases, Puff Cases, Mirror Cases and Combination Cases.

Prices from 25c. to $9.98 The above are spread out on special counters near dress-goods department.

The third is a purchase of

HOLIDAY APRONS

which will be displayed and offered for sale at 9.30 o'clock TODAY at such small prices that to secure any you must come quick.

12½ Cents.

Lace Trimmed Aprons,
Nainsook Fancy Aprons,
Hemmed Lawn Aprons,

19 Cents.

Beautiful Hamburg Trimmed Aprons, Aprons worth 25 cents, easy for 19 cents.

All kinds of Aprons, Aprons, Aprons.

25 Cents.

Such Aprons have been and are sold as high as 50 cents. We bought them at 50 per cent. off of regular price, so here they are, Lace and Hamburg trimmed and insertion all for 25 cents.

39 Cents.

Some 50 and 75 cent Aprons in this lot cute little things in different shapes and lengths. Also larger Aprons in great variety. See this [illegible].

49c, 75c, 98c.

These three prices represent the 3 best values in high grade Aprons, Aprons ever shown in Lowell.

The 49 cent Aprons are worth twice as much.

The 75 cent Aprons are worth twice as much.

The 98 cent Aprons are worth twice as much.

Trimmed with Lace, Hamburgs and Insertions.

N. B. Nothing will be carried over. These five days means dollars and dollars to you (Mrs. Readers) if you follow your better judgment and come to our 5 days' holiday sacrificing sale.

THE Toys are being dumped into ½ price lots and they are going like hot cakes in the basement.

Let's help make your Christmas merry!

Some Extra Nice Goods

SPECIALLY VALUABLE AS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Make your selections the first of the week if possible, as the assortments are now complete.

Bags and Purses, very suitable, a full assortment. Bags 50c. upwards. Purses 10c. upwards. Pocketbooks 25c. upwards.

Linen Goods, just the thing for a Christmas Gift. Satin Damask Towels, hemstitched and fringed at from 25c. per pair up to $2. Satin Damask Table Sets, imported, all sizes at extra low prices.

Jackets and Collarettes make very acceptable presents. See our line before purchasing.

Fancy articles very appropriate, such as Cuff Boxes, Collar Boxes, Handkerchief Cases, Fancy Glassware, Cushions, etc., etc.

Remember that we strive to please everybody. Satisfaction guaranteed.

APRONS—Every lady wants one. Latest styles, fine qualities at from 25c. up to $3.50.

GLOVES—The ladies are always pleased to receive a pair of our Gloves in a nice fancy box. Prices range from 75c. to $1.50.

DRESS PATTERNS—Gentlemen nothing would please your wife, mother, sister or your "lady friend" any more than to have you give her a nice Dress Pattern. We can show you some extra fine goods at reasonable prices. Visit us and buy one and you will be satisfied.

HOSIERY and UNDERWEAR—These are welcomed in every house. You can please all by purchasing some of our qualities of Hosiery and Underwear. Prices are very low.

COOK, TAYLOR & CO.

CENTRAL STREET.

O'Donnell & Gilbride Co.

Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Streets.

A GIGANTIC SMASHING UP OF PRICES ON

CHRISTMAS GOODS

FIVE DAYS

left in which we are bound to clear up every dollars' worth of Xmas Goods in our mammoth establishment. **Nearly $3000 worth of Toys, Dolls, Games, etc.,** to be closed out during the next five days at **5c. on the Dollar.**

Fire Engines, Hook and Ladders, Passenger Trains, Freight with Caboose, The Clown Bank, the Bear Hunt Bank, the Kicking Mule Bank, Children's Iron Beds and Stoves, Children's Wash Sets, Blackboards, Sleds, Rocking Horses, Doll Tables and Carriages, Boys' Tool Chests, Express Wagons, Magic Lanterns, Writing Desks, etc., all at

Half Price the Balance of This Week.

GAMES—3 Special Bargains.

Pillow Dex, Jack and the Beanstalk and Robinson Crusoe games, at **10 CENTS EACH.**

CHRISTMAS APRONS.

3 new lots go on sale today. Over 100 dozen Aprons bought by us last week, the cleaning up odds and ends of a manufacturer's stock, will be offered today at about half their real worth. The prices are **25c., 39c. and 49c. EACH.**

Electric Seal Jackets and Muffs at greatly Reduced Prices This Week.

1 lot of Electric Seal Jackets, good quality, at	$17.50.
A special lot of Electric Jackets, this week at	$25.00.
An extra good quality Electric Seal Coats, this week,	$35.00.

We have two different lots of Electric Seal Muffs, bought at a very great discount from regular prices, which we will offer this week at **$2.98 AND $3.98 EACH.**

O'DONNELL & GILBRIDE CO.

IT DESERVES IT.

THE SUN OCCUPIES THE HIGHEST POSITION IN LOCAL JOURNALISM. EVERYONE ADMITS IT TO BE LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER.

THE LOWELL SUN

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN TO SANTA— CROWDS IN GOTHAM—RICH AND POOR— ILLUSTRATED IN A SPECIAL PAGE IN TOMORROW'S SUN.

21ST YEAR — LOWELL, MASS., MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1897. — 8 PAGES 1 CENT

SECOND EDITION

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

The weather indications for the ensuing twenty-four hours are as follows: Cloudy tonight followed by snow, probably changing to rain Tuesday. Warmer, winds shifting to east and south.

Almanac, Monday, Dec. 20.

Sun rises—7:19; sets, 4:41.
High water—7:38 a. m.; 8:10 p. m.
Moon rises—3:27 a. m.

ANOTHER BLAZE

Kept the Firemen Busy Yesterday.

LIEUTENANT WEBSTER SUSTAINED AN ACCIDENT.

By Falling on an Icy Sidewalk.

Again our hard-worked fire department went up against a hard job, at which by strenuous efforts they came out ahead in a short time.

Shortly after noon yesterday, a brisk blaze broke out in the 2½ story wooden tenement block, owned by Martin Moran, and occupied by 14 tenants, at the corner of Church and Lawrence streets. A spark from a chimney in one end of the building set fire to the shingle roof and fanned by a brisk breeze, the flames quickly spread, the entire roof being threatened. An alarm was quickly rung in and the department lost no time in getting upon the scene.

In the meantime, the tenants in one of the upper tenements threw their household effects from a top window to the street, a number of articles becoming entangled in the wires. Owing to the intense cold, the water froze where it fell, and as the building is a combination of stairways and clothes sheds the firemen worked with great difficulty.

LIEUT. WEBSTER INJURED.

There was one accident reported, the victim of which was Lieut. James Webster. The latter was leaving the house and in going down the steps from the front door to the sidewalk slipped on the newly formed ice and fell, striking his shoulder with force against a post, dislocating that member. He was taken to his home in the ambulance.

The tenements that suffered most are occupied by families named Malone and Donnelly. An entire new roof will be needed, but the loss to the building is covered by insurance.

A NEEDLESS ALARM.

The alarm from box 125 last evening gave the department a run for nothing. A burning chimney on Lewis street caused some frightened individual to sound an alarm.

SAVAGE ASSAULT.

Lawrence, Dec. 20.—John Lawler spent the night in the police station as the result of his savage assault upon his wife and sister-in-law, Miss Lizzie McCarthy.

Lawler, it appears, imbibed freely of the ardent and returned to his home, 241 Oak street, yesterday afternoon in an ugly mood, after which the assault took place.

Last evening Patrolmen Mahoney and Flynn arrested the assailant and he will be arraigned in the police court this morning.

THROWN FROM A CAR.

Frank H. Furlong, the well known railway postal clerk at Lawrence, was thrown from an electric car in that city Saturday evening and was badly injured. He is a cousin of James, William and Peter Furlong and of Andrew L. Pendergast of this city.

RAID AT RIVERSIDE PARK.

Chief of Police McCann of Tewksbury and Officer Bumps raided the house of Zepherine Perusse at Riverside Park Saturday and took away a quantity of whiskey.

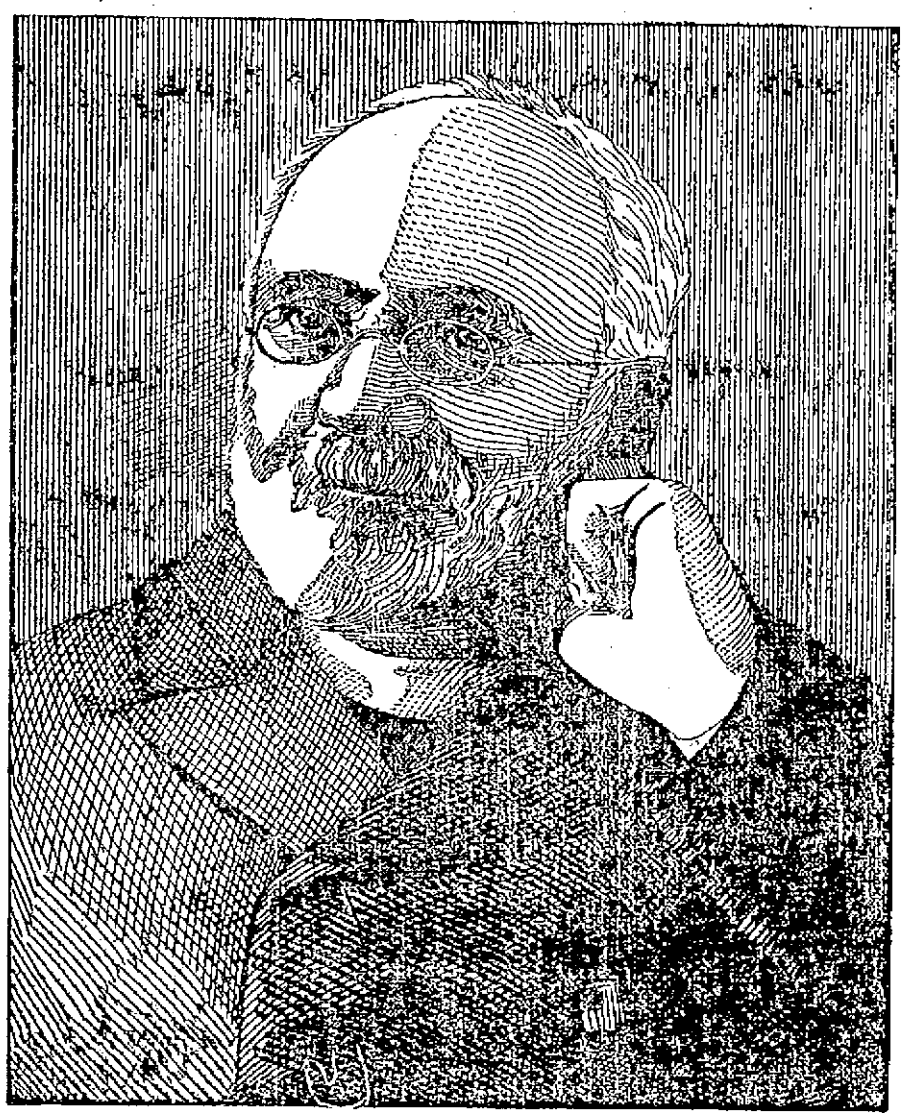
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$7 TO $15
GOOD ORGANS for above prices. Call at once. Must have the room.
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REV. FR. SCULLY, President Archdiocesan Total Abstinence Union.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE MEN

In Session With Rev. Fr. Scully at Cambridge.

Preparing for a Big Convention to be Held Next July—Lowell Men Attend.

The national convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union will be held in Boston next July.

The societies of the archdiocesan union, through delegates, are arranging for this grand meeting and yesterday, the first meeting of the central committee was held.

Edward F. Slattery and James O'Sullivan of this city were among those who attended. The meeting was held in Aquinas hall, Cambridgeport.

After an informal reception to the president, he led the way to the "gym," where tables were set for everybody at the expense of the president.

The hall was beautifully decorated, and the four long tables were none too large to seat all present. After the opening prayer by Father Scully, all were seated, with the president and the board of government, county directors and executive committee of the national convention at the head of the table.

After cigars had been passed around, Fr. Scully called the gathering to order and after explaining the nature of the gathering, he paid a glowing tribute to the good that has been accomplished by the various societies in the past. "Such gatherings as these," he said, "help to propagate the order, for by them we become better know to each other, and learn to know that we are one family, headed by Pope Leo XIII, who has, by his pen and by words of commendation, given strength to the cause of total abstinence."

The speaker then introduced Fr. John Mundy as a man who only a short time ago had an interview with the Pope and a man who could better give the opinion of the head of the Roman Catholic church on the great crusade against the liquor habit.

After telling the audience of his experience at the Holy See, Fr. Mundy said that he, as well as the head of the church, deprecated the crimes caused by the power of money in propagating divorces, and after telling of the Pope's stand in labor matters, he made a brief review of intemperance, which, he said, "causes more dissatisfaction and breaks up more happy homes than any other evil." He then read Pope Leo's letter to the clergy of the world, in which he blessed all engaged in the total abstinence movement.

In introducing the next speaker, to respond to the toast, "The President of the United States," Fr. Scully said he knew of no better democrat than Fr. William Dwyer. Fr. Dwyer warmly commended President McKinley for his action in raising a member of the Catholic church, Mr. McKenna, to the Supreme bench.

Continuing, he said that there are no more loyal Americans than citizens of Catholic faith, for the church has declared that a nation of drunkards can never be prosperous, and everything contrary to the constitution of the United States is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic church.

Fr. John Lowery of St. Paul responded to the toast of "Archbishop Ireland," whom he styled the Father Mathew of the West. Said he: "When the archbishop founded a temperance society some 35 years ago, he took the first pledge in the presence of several young men who had been decorating the city for some days previous, but had come to Fr. Ireland for the pledge that would and did redeem them from the curse of drink.

Fr. Scully, in introducing Fr. Reilly, the assistant pastor of the church, warmly praised Archbishop Williams for his firm stand against all that can intoxicate. Fr. Reilly, who responded in a brief manner to "Archbishop Williams" drew attention to the fact that at the golden jubilee the archbishop's instructions were that wine must be kept from the banquet table.

Secretary Mulready responded to "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts," Past President Christopher Fay responded to "The C.T.A.U. of Boston," and proudly extolled the virtues of Fr. Scully as "a man who could boast of having under his supervision 2200 young men who had never seen in their midst a licensed barroom."

E. F. Slattery of Lowell responded for the ladies' auxiliary. Mr. Grady for the press, and a short address was given by Mr. McSorley, a lifelong friend of Fr. Scully, who had received the pledge of total abstinence from Fr. Mathew.

The other addresses were made by Charles E. Bonning of Malden and Vice President J. A. Sheehan for the county directors and the subordinate societies.

Among those who offered valuable suggestions as to the best means of raising funds to defray the expense of the national convention were Mr. O'Sullivan of this city, ex-State Pres. Conley of Charlestown, and Dr. Couch of Somerville.

The executive committee in charge of the national convention consists of Fr. Scully, James Conley, C. Fay, Edwin Mulready, Jeremiah J. Crowley, Mrs. Patrick Coyle, James F. Walsh, John H. Toland, and C. T. O'Leary.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. Arthur Burrington of Worthen street spent Sunday with friends in Malden.

Rev. John S. Colby, who has been for the past three months pursuing special studies at Andover seminary, assumes charge of a Congregational church in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 1. He is calling on old friends here this week and will also visit in New Hampshire before starting for the West.

Members of the Billerica Historical society have in rehearsal an historical play, to be presented early in the new year.

A MAD RUNAWAY.

GROCER WOLCOTT OF BRANCH STREET INJURED.

A horse belonging to Wolcott, the grocer, on Branch street, upset the wagon to which it was attached, his forenoon in front of J. C. Glidden's residence on Middlesex street by a short turn of a car track. Freeing itself from the wagon by a sudden plunge it ran down Glidden avenue along Marginal street to Stevens street, up Stevens street as far as Nos. 9 and 11, turned into the field around the house back to Stevens street, across to Mr. Farrington's yard, back along Stevens and Marginal street and Glidden avenue at amazing speed. On Glidden avenue the animal was caught, badly bruised and scratched by dashing against fences, houses and kicking the wagon. Mr. Wolcott was kicked on the leg by the animal and badly lamed. The carriage and harness were wrecked ...ng all in pieces. A load of groceries was scattered on the street.

REDMOND COMING.

New York, Dec. 20.—John E. Redmond, M. P., the Irish leader, is coming to America in January. His visit will be solely for the purpose of arousing patriotic sentiment among the Irish-Americans and giving the history of the glorious struggle for Irish freedom in 1798. Mr. Redmond is coming at the urgent invitation of a number of New Yorkers, prominent as workers in the Irish cause, among them being a number of the officers and members of the '98 Centennial association, of which Mr. Edward O'Flaherty is president and John B. Kelly secretary.



SWEATERS PLEASE THE BOYS.

Our special offering for the boys during Xmas week is a lot of Boys' Sweaters—all of pure Worsted yarns, with stripes on collar, cuffs and body—in a dozen color combinations—sailor or roll collar—these we are selling this week at fifty cents less than actual value.

ONE DOLLAR.

Others for Boys and Men 50c. to $3.50.

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SUN EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK.

GREAT BRITAIN

Said to be Working in Harmony With Japan.

THE LONDON NEWSPAPERS DISTURBED OVER SITUATION.

What Will Great Britain Get?

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The Paris correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphs that he learns on reliable authority that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Edgmpne a week ago, when in spite of the protests of the Chinese the Edgmpne entered the inner harbor. The British far eastern squadron is shortly expected at Port Arthur. The Gazette regards the occupation of Port Arthur as merely a continuance of the co-operation of Germany with Russia in eastern Asia. The report here is that the British far eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei Hai Wei this winter. If this is true, it indicates that Great Britain is working in harmony with Japan. London evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation and all want to know what Great Britain is to get in this great game of grab.

The Globe says that Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategical positions in Northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial interests there are ten times greater, must be content with crumbs from St. Petersburg and Berlin tables.

STRIKERS FIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A collision occurred between the strikers of the foundry in Colonol and the men who took their places. Three strikers went to the house of Joseph Rohler and demanded that he come out. They attempted to break down the door, when shots were fired and Mrs. Rohler was struck in the neck. She will die.

LIFEBOAT SWAMPED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Lubec, Me., Dec. 20.—Great anxiety is felt here over the failure of the captain and six men, composing crew of the lifeboat which left here yesterday to go to the relief of an unknown schooner driven to sea yesterday, with a flag of distress flying. A fierce gale is raging and it is feared the boat was swamped.

PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Osborne, Isle of Wight, Dec. 20.—Prince Henry of Prussia slept at Osborne, after visiting the Queen last night and returned to the German cruiser this morning. The Prince will resume his journey to China tomorrow.

WILFUL MURDER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

London, Dec. 20.—At the inquest today over the remains of the late Actor William Terriss, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of wilful murder.

ESTERHAZY INQUIRY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Paris, Dec. 20.—It is understood that a preliminary inquiry into the charges made against Major Count Walsin Esterhazy has resulted in his committal for trial by court martial.

ILLINOIS CORN EXHIBIT.

Novel Design Which Will Represent the State at the Paris Exposition.

One of the most attractive parts of the exhibit from Illinois at the Paris exposition will be a magnificent picture made entirely of corn and 40 by 60 feet in dimensions. The central figure will be two huge American flags overshadowing a large American eagle. Above these will be the statement of the annual corn product of this country and the amount for export given in the various languages. Below, in the left hand corner, will be a representation of a large cannon in the midst of a field of corn, surrounded by piles of grain in the ear. The cannon is belching forth hundreds of ears of corn, which are represented as falling gently on a scene in the right hand corner, which is a map of Europe.

It is designed by E. S. Fursman of the United States and is intended to assist the efforts of the leading farmers of Illinois in securing a larger market for our corn in Europe. In connection with the picture will be an American kitchen, in which all the many dishes made from corn will be prepared. All visitors will have an opportunity to see the wonders of this great food product.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Good Things In Georgia.

Life in north Georgia is well worth living. Mrs. J. W. Eavenson recently invited a few friends to dinner, and such a feast is seldom spread at this season of the year. She had snap beans, butter beans, cabbage, squash, Irish potatoes, corn, tomatoes and beets, all fresh right from her garden, besides many other palatable dishes, which made the dinner in every detail all that one could desire.—Bowman (Ga.) Headlight.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

TO RULE POLICE

There are Several Candidates for the Commission.

MAYOR-ELECT BENNETT HAS MATERIAL ENOUGH.

The Trouble is Making the Selection.

Mayor-Elect Bennett and City Messenger Going will have a talk today on matters pertaining to the arrangements or inaugural ceremonies.

It is said that the exercises will differ somewhat from those of former years. Colonel Bennett will not go to the trouble of compiling a lot of statistics, or of writing a long inaugural and nobody will criticize him on this score.

Talk of the appointment of a license commissioner continues to be paramount to all questions concerning the incoming government.

Mr. Rice's friends propose to make a strong fight for his re-appointment, and will base his claims for recognition on the work performed by the Courier-Citizen during the campaign. To offset this comes C. L. McCleery of the Mail, backed by the great campaign lying of the Mail, of which he is business manager.

Ed. Conant is regarded as having a strong chance of getting the appointment while many look to A. G. Thompson as a winner. Mr. Thompson handled Colonel Bennett's campaign at the headquarters and worked hard for victory.

It is stated that John Wilson would not refuse the place, and there are other eligibles, including E. S. Foss, for whom the place was originally intended when the commission was created.

THE BRAM CASE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The supreme court today directed the immediate issuance of its mandate to the lower court in the case of Thomas M. Bram, convicted of murder and awarded a new trial. The mandate is usually issued only after thirty days, but the court acted specially in this case on the request of the solicitor general who desired the mandate to go down at once because several of the crew of the vessel on which the murder occurred are in jail as witnesses and are wanted at the next trial.

PUPILS DISMISSED

CARTER STREET SCHOOL TOO COLD FOR THEM.

The pupils in the Carter street school were dismissed this morning owing to the lack of heat in the building. The system of heating is that of H. H. Wilder & Co., and it doesn't seem to heat.

WEFERS TWICE DEFEATED.

B. J. Wefers at the Madison Square Garden meet on Saturday night was twice defeated by J. H. Rush the Chicago sprinter.

Summary—Forty-yard handicap final heat, dead heat between B. J. Wefers N. Y. A. C. scratch. J. H. Rush of Princeton, scratch. Edward Zinn, N. W. S. A. C., four feet, third, Time, 5s. In the run-off, J. H. Rush, Princeton, won. Time, 4 4-5s.

228-yard dash, special, won by J. H. Rush, Princeton; B. J. Wefers, N. Y. A. C., second. Time ,24 4-5s.

SMASHED THE WINDOWS.

A portion of the copper gutter which hung from the eaves of Huntington hall was torn loose by the wind yesterday and crashed through a skylight and window of W. A. Mack's establishment on Shattuck street. There is still a large piece swinging dangerously.

WIER SUICIDED.

New York, Dec. 20.—Frederick L. Wier, 41 years old, whose home was in Chelsea, Mass., committed suicide some time last night by cutting his throat with a razor in the Hotel Manhattan, where he was temporarily staying. Life was extinct when the fact of the suicide became known.

In payment of an election bet, Michael E. O'Brien conveyed George H. Holt in a wheelbarrow around Market, Worthen and Merrimack streets, Saturday night.

D. H. Laporte and other property owners in the Little Canada district are talking of erecting a building in that section in which will be located a hall to be used on public occasions.

Rheumatism
Is permanently cured
By Hood's Sarsaparilla
Which neutralizes the
Lactic acid in the blood.
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That they have felt
No symptoms of
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There's a steady and strong demand for Boys' Reefers. The selling has been phenomenal.

With FRIEZE REEFERS for $1.00, CHINCHILLAS for $1.25, both with deep sailor collars, is it strange that they go with a rush?

Reefers for little fellows from these prices up to $8.00.

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All sizes yet of BOYS' FLEECED UNDERWEAR for 37½c., the regular 50c. kind.

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No 166 CENTRAL STREET.

LATEST

NATIONAL GUARD

Placed Under the Ban by Trades Unionists.

LABOR MEN REQUESTED TO LEAVE MILITIA.

Action Taken by Federation of Labor.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Trades Unionists have been requested by the Chicago Federation of Labor to leave the National Guard at once. This was the unanimous decision reached by the delegates at the meeting yesterday. It was said that the union men could not consistently serve in the militia and incur the risk of being called out to shoot down their fellow trades unionists on a strike for the betterment of their economic condition.

John A. Nichols will lecture in the Worthen Street M. E. church December 26, on the "Battle for Home."

"The Potentate," a new comic opera, is in rehearsal for presentation at the Highland clubhouse by Lowell young people.

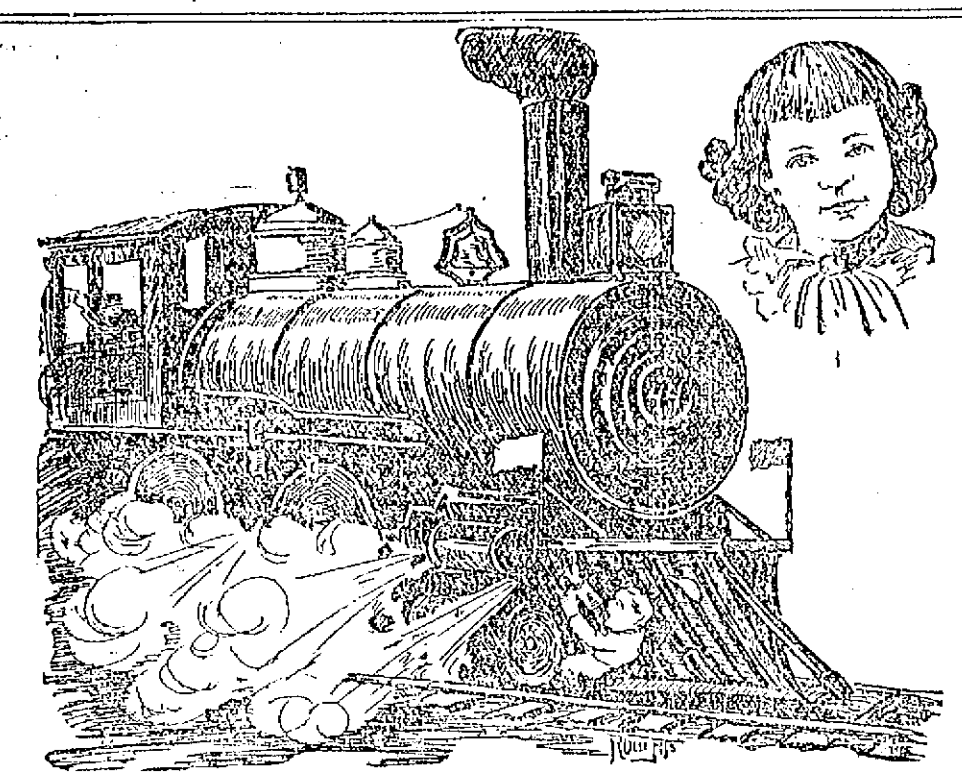
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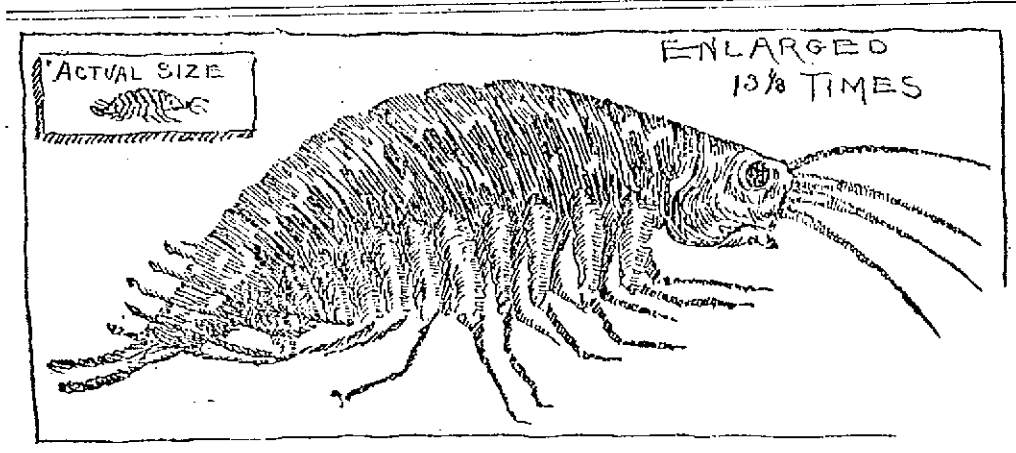
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LOWELL, Dec. 16, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that Nathaniel Hallam is no longer in my employ and has no right to collect any money due to me from any of my customers and that all persons are forbidden to pay him any money on my account. John J. Gardner, Prop. Union Tea Co., cor. Central and Charles street.



ALBERT E. BRIGGS, the twelve year old boy who was killed Saturday on the B. & M. track, near the Northern Depot.



THE FRESHWATER SHRIMP, WHICH IS ABUNDANT IN LOWELL WATER.

SHRIMPS FOUND

In the Water Now Supplying the City.

THEY ABOUND IN BROOKLYN WATER ALSO.

Are Not Believed to be Dangerous.

The city of Brooklyn, like the city of Lowell draws its water for domestic purposes from driven wells. The citizens of that city, as in Lowell, are constantly and justly finding fault because of odors and living creatures which come from the faucets. What these creatures are has not been explained by the gentlemen of the Lowell water board; nor does it appear that they have troubled themselves to investigate and explain. We take pleasure in bringing to their attention some valuable information. Ever anxious for revenue, we suggest the setting of catch nets for these creatures and the starting of new industries instead of having pleasurable fishing parties at the reservoir for suckers; it may increase the income of the Board.

These creatures are fresh water shrimp; they are ugly-looking; they are highly nutritious; they make an excellent fish chowder or a choice soup. Therefore, why not start soup houses? The authority for so doing is excellent. They inhabit all reservoirs and ponds fed by underground springs and the owners of trout brooks go to great pains to secure them as residents of their streams. They are scavengers to a certain extent, but trout grow fat on them. They attain their greatest size in the late fall.

"You can't keep such animals out of any reservoir," said Mr. Jackson, the chemist at the Brooklyn reservoir, "but if you object to them as articles of diet, you can avoid them by filtering the water. If you can't afford a filter, you can at least afford a small piece of cheesecloth, which you can place over the nozzle of the faucet. They would harm no one. As a matter of fact, I think they would prove very nourishing. Take a quart or two of the water and you might perhaps get up a very edible fish chowder at practically no cost."

Dr. Beane, director of the New York Aquarium views the little creatures with much curiosity.

"Well," he said, "I picked a hydra, or miniature devil fish out of Croton water a few days ago, but I haven't run across the isopod lately. I send a man regularly to the Bronx river to capture them, as I give the white fish here nothing else except minnows. I should not object to swallowing a mouthful of them, although I presume some people would."

Professor David L. Brainard who was the natural historian of the famous Greeley expedition to the Arctic, greets them as if they were old chums. His lips actually quiver as he looks at them.

"Dear old friends," he said: "they saved many a life when we were in the frozen seas. Why, we lived on those little fellows. They staved off the cannibalism which the press has said came with the expedition. These tiny creatures are much more numerous in the frigid seas than horsehouts. When we were almost starving and did not know when the end would come, we would put an old bone over the side of the ship into the water. This would attract the gammari and when they were congregated about the bone, we would scoop them up with a fine net. When we had a sufficient number we would throw them into a pot and mixing in the leather from old shoes, would boil the mess until we had a very excellent soup indeed.

"Really, Lowell should not object to them. I found them delicious, only I think I prefer them cooked."

These isopod creatures belong to the same family as the sand flea or sand hopper. They propagate in the cold water beneath the surface and are always the intimate friends of the so-called driven well water. So long as the system remains in practice in Lowell, the Water Board will have an abundant supply.

MONEY VOTED

FOR A NEW SCHOOL IN TOWN OF DRACUT.

A special town meeting was held in Dracut Saturday in the basement of the Yellow Meeting House to take action on the purchase of a lot and the erection of a new four-room schoolhouse at the Centre. E. A. Stevens was moderator, and there were about 88 voters present. Some opposition was raised on the claim of unnecessary expense, but the proposition was carried by a two to one vote. The sum of $2000 was appropriated for the purchase of the lot, and $10,000 was voted for the schoolhouse.

C. H. Stickney and E. A. Stevens were appointed a building committee. The committee voted to open No. 9 schoolhouse near Kenwood.

VETERAN FIREMEN.

On account of the Huntington hall fire, the annual ball of the General Butler Veteran Firemen will be held in Associate hall, December 31. The organization is making great preparations for the success of the affair. The 150 members have secured a new uniform of the old-time New York style, and are determined to win fresh laurels for Lowell, as the society did in 1875 and 1876.

First class printing done at this office.

STORY IS UNTRUE.

FRENCH FAMILIES ARE REMAINING HERE.

An effort is being made by the Canadian government to coax back their countrymen who have come from that country to the United States with the object in view of earning an easier and better livelihood.

The influx of Canadians into this country, has, during the past ten or fifteen years, been very large, so large in fact that those who have had the interest of this country at heart have felt alarmed. It was in consequence of this feeling that the Dominion Parliament voted at last session $500 for the repatriation scheme of the Quebec and St. John railroad company, and very recently the general manager of the company was in Ottawa to report to the government the account of the company's doings.

The story had gained circulation that large numbers of Canadians throughout New England were going back to their native country, and that a large number of families in Lowell were to move back to that country.

The story is not true, and at the present time very few Canadians in this city are contemplating any such move. But it is true that a few families have moved from this city to Canada during the last few months, but the number is no increase over the number of the same month in previous years.

As in years gone by there are a great many more Canadians moving into this city than there are moving away, and when they once take up their residence here, they are loathe to go away.

WANETA CLUB.

The Waneta club met yesterday afternoon and elected officers for one year as follows: President, Henry L. Rourke; treasurer, William F. Higgins; secretary, Timothy V. Wholey. It was decided to hold no ball this season. This will be regretted by many, as the Waneta club has had the name of managing delightful parties.

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The Late OWEN A. GALVIN, a distinguished lawyer of Boston.

LITERARY NOTES.

That gifted authoress, Miss Louise Imogen Guiney of Boston, who is well known in this city from her frequent visits to her uncle, Mr. William Guiney, and from having read before the Catholic Union a few years ago, is still acquiring fresh laurels in the wide fields of literature. A new volume of her essays, entitled "Patrins," recently issued by Copeland and Day of Boston, is highly praised by the literary magazines for its elegance of style and beauty of diction. "Patrins," the title of this collection of essays is applied to the gypsy trail of handfuls of leaves or cut grass strewn along their way to show their followers in what direction they have gone. It is a strange title, but is happily applied to this volume, made up as it is of essays which had previously appeared in leading magazines. There is an even score of these essays and although we may have failed to notice much that is meritorious in several of them on account of a hasty perusal, those that strike the writer as the ablest are "The Under Dog," "Irish" and "Wilful Sadness in Literature." The style of all her essays is concise and forcible, while her command of language seems unlimited. Her diction is dignified and expressive. The text is gemmed over, as it were, with a wealth of classic allusion, so that while the reader is carried along in the narrative, he is entertained with pleasing pictures on either side his path. Miss Guiney is strongly opposed to extreme gaiety in literature, as might be assumed from the tone of cheerfulness that prevades all her writings. "Patrins" is a book of great literary merit, and would make a good holiday gift.

The "Bookseller, Newsdealer and Stationer," which is a very readable semi-monthly magazine devoted to current literature, has issued a very handsome Christmas number in which all the best of recent novels are reviewed, as well as the Christmas numbers of the magazines.

"The Outlook" for December has the concluding chapter of Gladstone's Life by Justin McCarthy. A good many people wonder how a gentleman who has so recently been the leader of the Irish parliamentary party can write as does Mr. McCarthy in terms of unstinted praise of Mr. Gladstone, whose retirement disappointed not only him but the Irish nation. Mr. McCarthy glosses over the manner in which Gladstone abandoned the Irish movement more as an apologist, than as an opponent. His essays may prove interesting to the admirers of the "Grand Old Man," but nobody can digest the far-fetched adulation lavished upon him in this article without a feeling of contempt for Mr. McCarthy. He may not have felt that while he was writing Gladstone "up" he was writing himself "down"—as a political toady.

In the same number of "The Outlook" there is a very interesting sketch of the house of Jane Barlow, the daughter of a Dublin professor, and the latest Irish aspirant for fame in the realms of poetry. Her book entitled "Irish Idylls," published by Dodd, Mead & Co., of New York, is meeting with a ready sale in this country.

The latest literary craze is "Quo Vadis" translated from the Polish of Henryk Sienkiewicz by Jere. Curtin. It is a historical romance, portraying life in the days of Nero, when the light of Christianity was dawning upon Rome, then the centre of the civilized world. It is a novel which is entertaining and at the same time instructive. It has run through many editions since its first appearance in the English language.

Joseph Smith, clerk of the Board of Police, finds time to devote considerable attention to literature. His latest production in this line appears in the current issue of Harper's Weekly, and is entitled "Rory Lynch," a story founded on fact. It is illustrated by an engraving by Broughton. Mr. Smith wields a clever pen.—Sunday Press.

The Boston Herald has the following on the passing of a great French novelist:

The French nation loses its greatest novelist in the death of Alphonse Daudet. His mind was broader and his aims in fiction were more legitimate than was the case with any of his home contemporaries. He has been compared to Dickens, but he was less a specialist than was the latter. Dickens was essentially a humorist, and there was a tone of caricature in the bulk of his work. He was a moralist also, which Daudet did not aspire to be. The latter's pictures of life and character are effective without exaggeration. He had the power of ridicule through satire, but much of the effect is lost to American readers in his avowedly satirical work under the disadvantages of translation. His most popular book and that which most strictly confines itself to the sphere of the novelist, pure and simple, is published in this country with the title "Sidonie." There is a study of character here which is more after the manner of Thackeray than that of Dickens and which stamps him as a great novelist. His most painful book is "Jack," and it is exceedingly graphic in its depiction of abused human nature. His political novels of modern times, "Kings in Exile" and "The Nabob," are books of real power. He differed from most of his French contemporary novelists in writing for a wider audience than is found in his countrymen. Daudet was more than a Frenchman in literature. He treated an extended range of life in his fiction and did it always with rare ability. There may be those who will rate Zola in the same rank of distinction, but Zola seems hardly to aspire to it when the character of his work is taken into account. We can hardly account Balzac or Victor Hugo as Daudet's model. He was not great in the class of either of these writers, but he came the nearer to being their worthy successor of any one who followed them in French literature. Paul Bourget is probably Daudet's ablest successor as purely the novelist, but he is with more of emphasis confined to being a French novelist.

BASKET BALL.

At the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium Saturday evening, the Nashua Y.M.C.A. basket ball team defeated the Lowell Y.M.C.A. team 13 to 9, and the Y.M.C.A. Juniors defeated the Lowell High school team 9 to 4. The games were hotly contested. The line-up:

NASHUA.	LOWELL.
Doyle, l. f.	l. f., Snyder
Blood, r. f.	r. f., Williston
Ring, b.	b., Ferris
Colburn, r. g.	r. g., Wilson
Wood, l. g.	l. g., Klerstead

Y. M. S.	JUNIORS.
Bagley, l. f.	l. f., Pearson
Wilkinson, r. f.	r. f., Healey
Brown, c.	c., McBrayne
White, l. g.	l. g., Wilson
Tyrrell, r. g.	r. g., Jones

JEWISH FEAST.

The Lowell Hebrew Children's Literary school observed the feast of Hanukah last night. The exercises were as follows:

"The Maccabees," (in Hebrew) by A. Parsky; "The Future of Israel," (in English) by Ed. Savatskin; "The Little Oil Flask," a sermon in Hebrew by A. Goldberg; "The Heroes of Israel," (in English) by L. Cohen; "The Heroes of Maccabees," (in English) by L. Goodman; "The Sacred Candles," by Miss Kate Tabriski and Lilli Yacter; "Lion," a Hebrew song, by the Hebrew class. There was also speaking by Messrs. Parsky, Savatskin, and Y. S. Laffett.

Mr. F. E. Saunders delivered a very instructive lecture on the subject of meteorology at Odd Fellows' hall, Billerica, Saturday evening.

REV. DR. STRATTON

WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR FIFTH YEAR.

Rev. Dr. Stratton, pastor of St. Paul's church, announced last evening that he would not be a candidate for the pastorate of the church for a fifth year.

He said he believed a change both for himself and for the church, all things being considered, would be most for the honor of God, whom we serve.

He expressed a strong love for his people, especially those who had been added to the church during his pastorate, and earnestly wished that the the largest degree of success which was possible to the church and parish, might be in store for old St. Paul's in the future. He exhorted all present to seek to make the short time remaining of this conference as fruitful for good to the church in all its interests as possible.

CHILDREN AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Capt. John Ford society, Children of the American Revolution, met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Neale, Fort Hill avenue, Saturday afternoon, for the election of officers. The following named were chosen:

Chairman, Miss Alice Sleeper; secretary, Miss Lucy Hall; treasurer, Miss Alice Rowell; registrar, Miss Josephine Boynton; historian, Miss Eleanor Palmer; color bearer, Carl Bicknell.

There was an interesting program of songs and readings.

LE CERCLE GARIN.

The friends and members of Le Cercle Garin were entertained in St. Joseph's college hall, last evening. The following program was rendered:

Piano solo, E. Vincelette; address, Arthur Beaucage; song, A. Gauvin; waltz, "Roumania," A. Martel; declamation, "Le Condemne," H. Daigle; romance, F. Desrosiers; flute duet, F. Woods, C. Bissonette; address, E. H. Choquette; waltz, "Trillings of the Mountain," A. Martel; declamation, Arthur Beaucage; song, A. Gauvin; address, E. H. Choquette; piano solo, Ed. Vincelette.

TO DECIDE A BET.

Editor of The Sun—Please decide a bet through your paper. If a person has a receipted poll tax bill for 1897 is he obliged to pay by law a tax of 1896 or can it be collected?—Subscriber.

[Any unpaid tax can be collected according to law.—Ed.]

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11 quart bottles Norris London Club Tom Gin, former price $1. Xmas Price 85c.
2 quart bottles London Club Gin, former price $1. Xmas Price 85c.
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THE CITY ENGINEER

Appeared Before the County Commissioners Today.

CLIMBING UP CITY HALL FLAG STAFF.

To Replace the Broken Ropes.

City Engineer Bowers, acting under authority of a vote of the City Council appeared before the county commissioners today in relation to the petition to define the lines of, and to widen Andover street from Nesmith street to the city line. The commissioners voted to grant a hearing on the matter Monday January 31.

It is probable that there will be a special meeting of the aldermen tonight, to act on the petitions for a recount. The registrars are anxious to begin the work as soon as possible.

Tomorrow night there will be an adjourned meeting of the aldermen and a special meeting of the council.

The committee on accounts of the school board will meet tomorrow night.

The rope on the flagstaff on City Hall has rotted away, and today, one of John Cross' men will climb the 60-foot pole and make the fastenings to the pulleys at the top.

POLICE NOTES.

Inspectors Goodwin and Donaldson made a peculiar raid yesterday morning which resulted in the arrest of Thomas Canfield, of 7 Pond street. Suspecting that Canfield was doing an illegal business, they visited the house and were met by a locked door. When they got in, they claim that Canfield had emptied the contents of a jug into the sink. Mrs. Canfield, they allege, sat upon a chair in a manner that made them suspicious and they asked her to get up. She declined, pleading illness, but after several requests, it is said got up and as she walked away a bottle of liquor dropped from somewhere and they took it.

A HILARIOUS INDIAN.

Frank Anderson, the bluff Indian, who advertises the local Zoo, got an overdose of firewater on Saturday night and it is said started out on the warpath. He bothered a number of women, it is alleged, until he met Officer J. B. Crowley. After that he was no bother to any one except himself.

SWAPPED HORSES.

A man living on Willie street left his gray horse and democrat wagon standing on Central street Saturday night and a Chelmsford farmer left his gray horse and wagon nearby. The farmer got an abundance of wet goods within him and then started for home, taking the wrong horse. The Willie street man on finding his horse gone, told the police, while at an early hour yesterday morning Officer Hogan found the farmer's horse up near the fair grounds and put it up in McNulty's stable. When the Chelmsford man discovered his mistake, he returned the horse to the police station, the cards were shuffled and all concerned held trumps.

FOR ALLEGED LARCENY.

Hebris Corbett was arrested by Officer John W. Fox for drunkenness and alleged larceny of handbags from women.

A BLOODY AFFAIR.

Leonard Blood of North Billerica was arrested by Chief Conway of North Billerica Saturday for alleged breaking and entering.

RAID IN BENT'S COURT.

The police raided a house in Bent's court between 5 and 6 o'clock Saturday evening and arrested four women and one man for drunkenness.

BUNCO STEERER REED.

The friends of John Reed, the alleged bunco steerer who operated here and was captured in Clinton November 11, are exerting all their energies to secure his freedom.

Reed is now held in $2000 bonds for the grand jury for assault upon an officer with intent to kill. He is confined in the house of correction at Worcester.

This week, persons from New York, interested in his liberation, have been laboring in his behalf and Saturday, two well known members of the sporting fraternity of Boston were in Worcester, all armed with money to meet every requirement.

They went there thinking that bail could be furnished for Reed's appearance at the proper time upon all the charges against him. Arrangements had been made with owners of real estate in Worcester to go on Reed's bond, they to be secured by having placed in their possession a sum of money equal to the amount of the sureties demanded.

Reed's interests were in the hands of W. A. Gile of Worcester, while District Attorney Parker represented the government. But the mission was not the anticipated success. The district attorney had no hesitation relative to accepting sureties in the alleged assault case, but before the bail could be furnished in the Gardner case Reed must be arraigned and the bonds specified by the court of that district. No bonds can be furnished in Worcester county for an alleged crime committed in another county. If sureties were deposited for the cases in Worcester county, Reed would at once be arrested for the alleged crime committed in the other counties, and so on to the end of the chapter.

The plan, as now mapped out by Reed's associates, is to begin at once and try to arrange with the district attorneys of the other counties to furnish sureties on the other charges. The desire is to get Reed out on bail before his case in this county comes to trial. There is money enough in the pool to furnish bail, even if the amount required runs well into the thousands.

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MUSIC HALL.

"WHITE CROOK."

The "White Crook" still keeps moving under the admirable management of Mr. F. Rush, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Music hall the entire organization will be seen in two merry satires, the "U. S. Yacht Club," and the "Klondike Millionaires." Both are beautifully staged and serve to introduce many pretty women stunningly gowned, who can sing, dance and act in an acceptable manner and are to be specially commended for the vigor and activity with which they go through the most difficult marches, ballets and concerted evolutions.

The Cincinatti Enquirer said of "A Romance in Coon Hollow," which appears at Music Hall December 20 for three nights: "If a thing of beauty is a joy forever," Coon Hollow must be just lovely,as it is nightly delighting splendid houses. The scene showing the band of colored boys and girls in songs and dances fairly brings down the house. It differs from the Pickaninny band in "Old Kentucky" and the rising sun roarers of "Blue Jeans," and yet is fully the equal of either. Better than this the play has an interesting and consistent plot, with refined comedy and the strongly drawn characters have a splendid company to interpret them. The scenic effects are simply magnificent. "A Romance of Coon Hollow comes to Music Hall with a great reputation which it is amply justifying by packing The Bowdoin Square in Boston at every performance this week.

DEATHS.

HEATH—Bridget Heath, aged 55 years, wife of Patrick Heath, died Saturday afternoon. Funeral tomorrow morning from St. Michael's church.

GORMLEY—Ann Maria Gormley, aged 57 years, wife of Frank J. Gormley, died yesterday at 99 White street. Funeral tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's church.

NELSON—Peter A. W. Nelson, aged 37 years, died yesterday at his home, in 2 rear of 27 Agawam street.

SWETT.—Esther M. Swett, aged 83 years, died today at 1619 Middlesex street.

MELLEN—Hugh Mellen, aged 63 years, a resident of Lowell for forty years and a man respected by all who knew him, died yesterday at his home 61 Wamesit street. He was a devout member of St. Peter's church and had many friends who will be pained to learn of his death.

He was the father of Hugh J. Mellen, proprietor of the Winthrop on Middlesex street and leaves three other sons, John, and Joseph, clerks at the Winthrop, Edward J., assistant janitor of the court house and three daughters, Mary J., a teacher in the Green evening school, Annie and Ella Mellen.

The funeral will take place from St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

TYLER—Artemas Lawrence Tyler, son of Artemas S. Tyler, died at his father's home in Fairmount street, Saturday morning, aged 37 years. He was born in Lowell in 1860 and attended the Lowell public schools. After graduating from the High school, he studied in Woburn under Mr. Burbank, a former teacher in the Lowell High school. He then attended the Institute of Technology in Boston for three years, after which time he became an assistant professor in that institution, remaining one year. He then went abroad and studied in Europe for a year and subsequently did newspaper work in Boston. In October, 1891, he married Florence, daughter of Henry Whittier, deceased.

FUNERALS.

WELCH—The funeral of Edward L. Welch occurred Saturday afternoon from the home of his parents, 38 Newhall street. The bearers were Masters Willie Sadler, Jimmie Coyne, Freddy Brady and Freddy Campbell. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

SULLIVAN—The funeral of Dennis Sullivan took place from St. Patrick's church this morning. Rev. Fr. Burke conducted a requiem high mass. The pall bearers were Patrick Mahoney, John Connors, John Cowhig, Cornelius Hart, Daniel Hart, andWalter Hickey. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

BRIGGS—The funeral of Albert E. Briggs, the boy who was killed by the cars on Saturday, took place yesterday afternoon from the Sacred Heart church. Rev. Fr. McRory, O. M. I. officiated. The following playmates acted as bearers: Joe Ashworth, Michael Drain, Joseph Drain, Martin Maguire, John Dwyer, and Connie Lane.

The floral tributes consisted of a pillow inscribed "Darling," from his mother; wreath inscribed "Bertie" from Aunt Lizzie; anchor on stand inscribed "Bertie," from Joe Ashworth; crescent, Miss Dolan and Miss Kane; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins; spray of roses, Miss Buckmaster; spray of pinks, Miss Wing; spray of pinks, Miss Donnelly; spray of pinks, Welch family; spray of chrysanthemums, Rogers family. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

HINES—The funeral of the late Michael Hines occurred this morning from his late home, 93 London street, and was largely attended. Requiem mass was sung by Rev. Fr. McRory of the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock and the bearers were: Messrs. Doyle, Brennan, Clifford and Leunon. Interment, in charge of J. F. O'Donnell, was in the Catholic cemetery

SUCCESSFUL MISSION

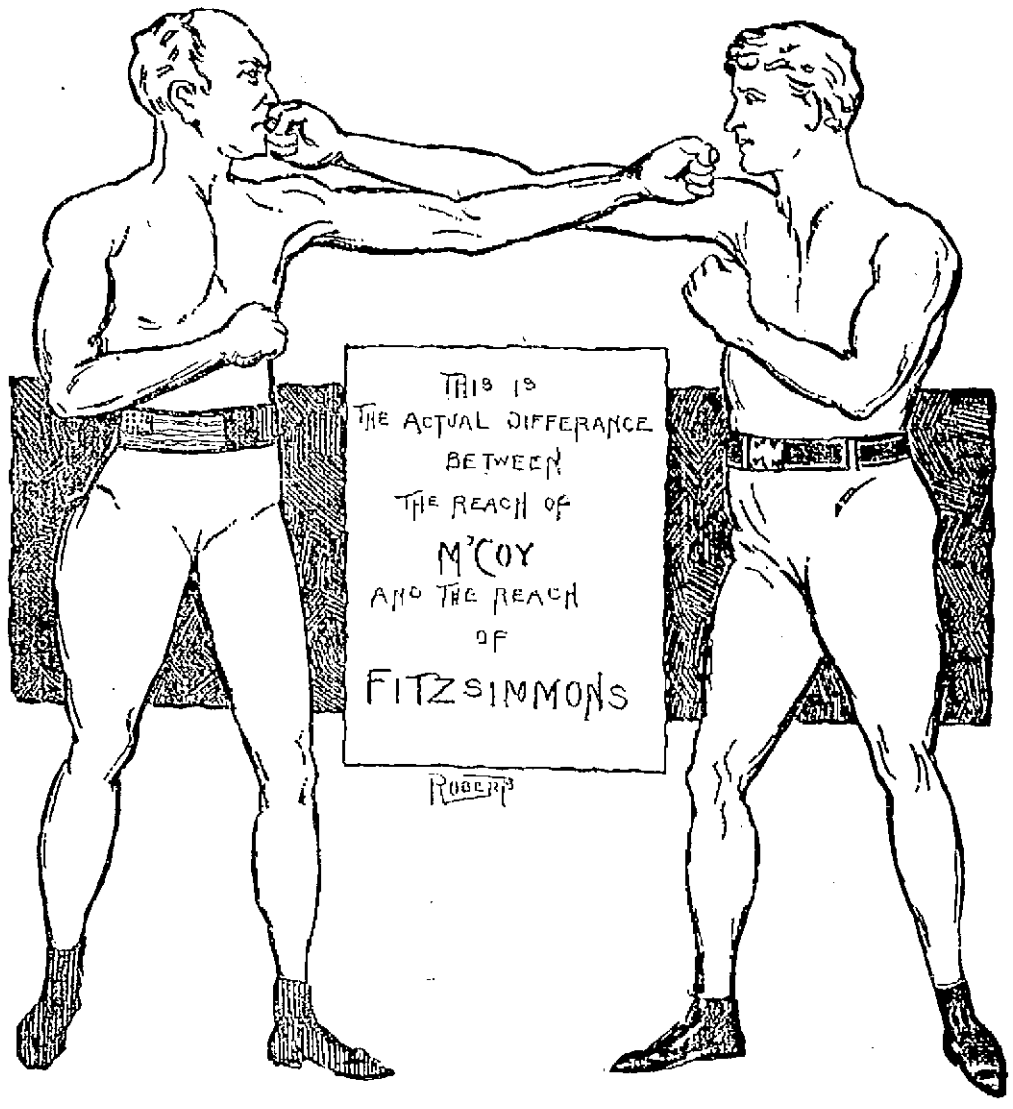
CONDUCTED AT THE CITY FARM LAST WEEK.

During the last three days of last week a mission was conducted at the City Farm by Rev. Fr. McRory, O.M.I., and Rev. Fr. Paquette, O.M.I. Services were held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on the last day Rev. Fr. Sirois, O.M.I., and Rev. Fr. Fletcher, O.M.I., heard confessions. Yesterday morning mass was celebrated at the institution and there were 500 communicants.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

Gen. Fiske lodge of Good Templars will hold their monthly social in the vestry of the Highland M. E. church this evening.

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McCOY VS. FITZ

The Victorious Kid Seeks Lanky Bob

FOR A FIGHT FOR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

But Fitzsimmons Says He Has Retired.

Since Kid McCoy's comparatively easy victory over Dan Creedon has shown him to be the star middleweight of the world, excepting Fitzsimmons, the followers of the ring are recalling Dan Stuart's prophecy made at Carson City, to the effect that in four years McCoy would be the champion of the world and are concluding that the famous manager told more truth than poetry when he made the remark.

A year has not yet passed and McCoy stands before the world a logical aspirant for the scalp of the lanky Robert. But with a spirit that makes the oldtime sport sigh for the good old days when big John L. held the championship against the world, "Fitz" declines to fight any more. He has won the championship, but declines to defend it.

McCoy says over his signature:

"I will fight Bob Fitzsimmons a finish fight. I have challenged him through my manager and I am now waiting for his reply. He claims to be in his prime today. So am I. I am ready when he is.

—Charles (Kid) McCoy.

John L. Sullivan, speaking on the matter, says:

"I think any man who is a fighter and especially a champion, should always be ready to defend his title against all comers. Fitz evidently thinks differently. He has earned his title and is taking things easy. If he is the real fighter I think he is, he will soon be ready again to put up his hands before any aspirant, Corbett, McCoy, or any of them.

"Fitz should fight Corbett if he ever intends to go into the ring again. He can make $20,000 on it, and that is more than he can make in the theatrical business. He can beat Corbett easy. Both fought like old women at Carson, but Bob can beat him again. A champion should fight or get out of the ring. I met all comers among white men, and Fitz should do the same or quit. Fitz is the best in his class, but he is a fool if he does not fight Jim Corbett again.

"A man who has chosen the business of fighting for a living, ought to stand by it and fight just as long as he can. When he can't fight any longer, it is time for him to quit, but when he is in good condition, like Fitz, let him face the music."

The comparative measurements of Fitzsimmons, Creedon, and McCoy are as follows:

Fitzsimmons—Weight, 168 pounds; height, 5 ft., 11¾ inches; neck, 15 inches; chest normal, 41 inches; chest expanded, 44 inches; waist, 32 inches; thigh, 20 inches; calf, 12¾ inches; biceps, 12 inches; forearm, 11½ inches; wrist, 5½ inches; reach, 75¼ inches; age, 36 years.

Creedon—Weight, 165 pounds; height, 5 ft., 8½ inches; neck, 17 inches; chest normal, 38 inches; chest expanded, 43 inches; waist, 35 inches; thigh, 23 inches; calf, 16½ inches; biceps, 14½ inches; forearm, 12 inches; wrist, 8 inches; reach, 72 inches; age, 29 years.

McCoy—Weight, 158 pounds; height, 5 ft., 10¾ inches; neck, 16 inches; chest normal, 37 inches; chest expanded, 41 inches; waist, 34 inches; thigh, 21½ inches; calf, 15½ inches; biceps, 14 inches; forearm, 11½ inches; wrist, 7½ inches; reach, 76 inches; age, 24 years.

LOCAL NEWS.

Z. W. Sturtevant is added to the names mentioned as probable police comissioner.

It is said thatWilliam T. True will be a candidate for superintendent of public buildings in opposition to Mr. Chase.

If you want a bargain in real estate go to G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street, who has unrivalled bargains in the city and country. He has choice lots of property, boarding or lodging houses. He always has a bargain to suit nearly everybody.

Republican aspirants are demanding that before the close of this year an ordinance shall be passed providing for superintendent of commons. At present, it is optional with the committee of that department if they will have such an official.

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POLICE COURT.

It was a choice and weirdly picturesque groupe of female offenders lined up to the number of 10 before Judge Hadley. It was "Ladies' Day," in fact. All were charged with drunkenness and three were released.

In addition to the feminine contingent, there were 23 of the opposite sex charged with drunkenness.

Frank Anderson, the "Indian" who while drunk, assaulted an unknown woman by throwing his arms about her, was fined $15.

Fred Cheney was fined $11 for drunkenness and larceny of $1.50.

Mary Lennon, third offence for drunkenness, goes to jail for four months.

Thomas Kelliher was fined $10 to be paid in three days or three months in jail.

James O'Brien got four months in jail.

Thomas Caufield, charged with illegally keeping liquor, was found guilty and was fined $50.

Mary A. Calnan, one of the drunks, received four months in jail.

John Grant in on the charge of non-support, preferred by his wife, who was not so badly neglected, as the evidence showed, promised to take the pledge and was put on probation.

Christmas Day, members of St. Patrick's parish and others interested, on invitation of Rev. Michael O'Brien, P. R., will have an opportunity to inspect the new building on Cross street, designed for a working girls' home.

"America's Debt to Catholicity," will be the subject of Henry Austin Adams' lecture January 2, in aid of the Working girls' home.

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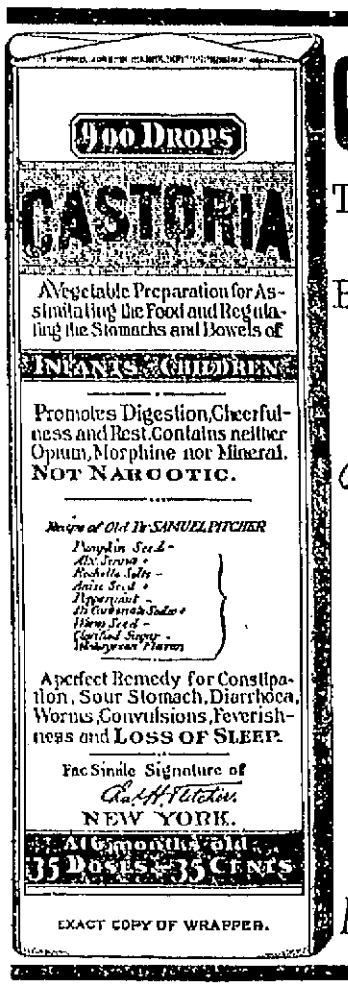
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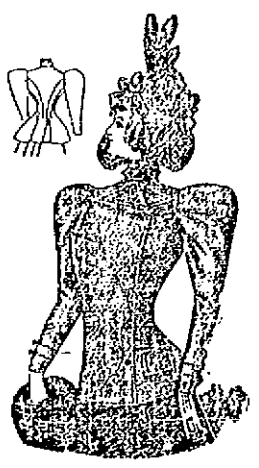
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Lynn is still kept in terror by highwaymen. The police department must be sorely in need of reorganization, for so far as we have heard, not a single one of the highwaymen who have terrorized that city have been arrested. Mayor Ramsdell has here a chance to do some good work in protecting the community.

In the Tewksbury almshouse, in General Butler's day, human hides were tanned, but in our own day, the Medfield insane asylum nearly rivals Tewksbury by starting in to cook its inmates. It was only a mistake, of course, an accident, if you will, by which an attendant put a patient in a bath tub and turned on the boiling water until the victim was scalded to death.

Agent Thomas of the Tremont & Suffolk mills takes the correct view of the cut down as a remedy for a dull market or for competition from Southern mills. He says it is of no use because the operatives, being dissatisfied neevr do such good work and there is a loss in consequence. It is to be hoped that other mill agents will come to look at the question in the same light.

BOSTON ELECTION.

The municipal fight in Boston is one of the hottest in its history. Mayor Quincy is having a hard battle against a combination of forces. Hon. P. A. Collins has espoused Mr. Quincy's cause, but in attacking Mr. Riley as "the assistant republican candidate" he has to meet a man of ability and force. Riley in reply has given Mr. Collins one of the best "lacings" he has received since his childhood. Indeed it would appear that so far as the two men are personally concerned, Mr. Riley has the best of the argument. If Mr. Quincy wins against Curtis, the republican candidate and Mr. Riley, the nominee of the silver democratic club, he will achieve a magnificent triumph. He is also opposed by the Boston Herald which is daily dishing up new charges against his administration. It would not be surprising if Mr. Curtis who is comparatively inactive, would get elected.

The Sun, in the calm following the delirium, does not seem to be very fond of that ugly child, the campaign roorback. We take it, from the apparent attempt to let the democratic city committee down gracefully, that The Sun is not wildly enthusiastic for a vigorous prosecution of these charges.—Mail.

The Sun did not bring the charges; it only reported the evidence of boodling by the republicans that was put in the hands of the democratic leaders. The Mail not only refused to report the facts, but defended the boodlers and pronounced the charges a roorback, started by The Sun.

The Sun can get at least six men to swear to the facts and any one of them has a higher reputation for honesty and veracity than has the editor of the Mail.

The only roorback published in connection with the election appeared in the Mail to the effect that an out-of-town brewer sent $3500 to Lowell in order to help the democrats to carry the election. We challenge the Mail to produce not six, but one man who will testify to the truth of that story, which The Sun pronounces a deliberate falsehood, a roorback of the rankest kind. Failing to do this, the Mail will stand convicted of lying and of doing the very thing it falsely charged against The Sun.

Will the Mail give the name of the brewer who sent the money or the name of the "prominent liquor dealer" who received it? If any money was sent to Lowell by a brewer for use in the election, it was sent for the purpose of carrying the election for the republicans and preserving the status quo in the liquor business. The Mail, the advocate of temperance, joined hands with the liquor dealers in one of the most corrupt elections Lowell ever saw, and as a reward for this valiant service to the party, Mr. McCleery, the present business manager, is a candidate for license commissioner. He surely deserves recognition by Colonel Bennett for the manner in which the Mail defended the corruption of the ballot in the campaign.

GLADSTONE'S WEAKNESS.

In conversation with a number of gentlemen at the Knights of Columbus hall the other night, Mr. Robertson of London denied that Mr. Gladstone was willfully dishonest in his action on the Irish question. On the contrary, Mr Gladstone, he said, intended to make the consummation of Irish home rule the crowning triumph of his political career, but the fatal flaw of the Home Rule bill was that it did not decide whether Ireland would have a representation in the Imperial parliament in addition to its own. Mr. Gladstone he says, was always a man of shallow penetration. He never saw far enough ahead. In this regard, he was much inferior to Disraeli, and to this cause Mr. Robertson believes was due the flaw in the bill and its final rejection by the House of Lords. There was nothing left for Gladstone but to remodel the bill and start the fight all over again, which, with his failing sight and hearing, he considered too much for him to undertake. This weakness was referred to by the chaplain of the House of Commons in an insulting way, whereupon Mr. Gladstone retorted that while deeply conscious of the growing infirmities of age, he would be very much weaker in every sense before he should be unable to dispose of any such intellectual ass as the chaplain of the House. Mr. Robertson, however, was willing to admit that Mr. Gladstone was often swayed by political expediency on the Irish question, as well as upon other matters of state. This is the ground upon which the friends of Ireland condemn the late premier.

There is a movement to restore the whipping post in Virginia. That institution was abolished in 1847 when a young white girl was whipped for stealing a pair of shoes. It was originally intended for negroes and if judiciously used for that purpose might be still an advantage. It would prove more active perhaps as a preventative of crime than the gallows or the electric chair where the conviction of murderers is so rare.

Henceforth Attorney-General McKenna will be known as Judge McKenna of the Supreme court of the United States. His decision declaring the troublesome clause of the Dingley bill invalid has been appreciated by republican leaders.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Boston Herald—Alphonse Daudet was the holder of the celebrated forty-first seat of the French Academy. That is to say, he was never elected an Immortal, though that honor was bestowed on his brother Ernest. All the same, Alphonse Daudet will always remain the Daudet of French literature.

Salem News—It will not be a calamity if no more six-day bicycling matches are conducted in this country. So far as the contestants are concerned, "the game is not worth the candle." The few men who run the show may make money, but what is it to them if some of the contestants are as good as wrecked physically?

Waltham News—Gen. P. A. Collins advises young men to eschew politics and political life, but both have been kinder to Mr. Collins than any private occupation that he could have entered, not excepting the honorable profession of the law. The genial "General" should square his speeches with his life practice.

Lawrence Tribune—Robin Damon of Salem is publishing a counterpart of his successful News in Lynn, which appears to be a success from the start. Mr. Damon began his Lynn News under different circumstances than prevailed when he first gave the Salem News to the world. When the Salem News was started, Mr. Damon himself crundled the first editions off on a press. Now he has perfecting presses, typesetting machines, and all the modern conveniences to contribute to the success of his Lynn newspaper venture.

New York Journal—The real duty of the democrats in the United States Congress in relation to the annexation of the Hawaiian islands should proceed from patriotism and not from partisanship. And yet enlightened partisanship even would dictate that the democratic party should not overturn the party precedents of half a century and refuse to add to the national domain and the national wealth.

Narrow minded men may conceive intelligent partisanship to consist in opposition to anything which a hostile administration may propose. Wise shrewdest and most intelligent party service can be rendered by taking up that which is best in an opponent's program and by forcing it to success.

It would be folly for the democrats in this Congress to oppose Hawaiian annexation. The new democracy does not take its cue from Grover Cleveland's policy, nor does it hark back to queens on worm-eaten thrones.

New York Journal—The special commission for the Codification of the Criminal Laws of the United States causes the announcement to be made that it will require a number of years for it to complete its work. As the commission holds regular communication with the treasury department, congress made a serious mistake in giving it a title. It should have been called the Commission for the Care of Superannuated and Maimed Politicians.

TWO HEADS AND NECKS.

WOMAN AT LEE, MASS., GIVES BIRTH TO FREAK BABY.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 19.—A special dispatch from Lee, says:

Mrs. J. J. Dowd of Lee gave birth this morning to a freak baby, the child being a boy, having two perfect heads and necks and but one body. The child lived several hours and died this evening.

The heads and neck of the child were very natural while the body across the shoulders is about twice as wide as that of an ordinary child. Two perfect arms extended from the body, while in the center was a small stub which gives the appearance of being a third arm. This was the third child of the family.

WEEKLY MORTALITY

Population, 87,000; total deaths, 31; deaths under five, 11; infectious diseases, 2; acute lung diseases, 5; diphtheria, 2; death rate for the week, 18.5 against 18.5 and 19.1 for previous two weeks; infectious diseases reported—typhoid fever, 1; scarlet fever, 2; diphtheria, 3.

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THE ARENA OF POLITICS

A STUNNING FAILURE.

Dingley Tariff Bill Proves Disastrous as a Revenue Measure.

The conservative Philadelphia Ledger, which is still run on Childs' lines, adds itself to the list of Republican papers, including the New York Sun and Philadelphia Press, which favor an immediate overhauling of the revenue laws, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. What it says is worth patient reading:

If the United States treasury deficit of almost $40,000,000 for the fiscal year to date does not convince congress of the necessity of either rigorous retrenchment and economy in the matter of government expenditures or of providing additional revenue to meet extravagant appropriations, it is unlikely that anything will do so. Or if congress should not promptly recognize that the Dingley tariff is a disastrous failure as a revenue measure, or as a measure for the protection of domestic labor, it will fail to recognize a clearly demonstrated fact.

The storm of public opinion in this line is now fairly setting in, and by the end of the year it will be a hurricane. People will not forget what a dreadful picture was drawn of the evils of a deficit at the beginning of the present administration. They will remember how a great fuss was raised about the government receipts being allowed to run behind the expenditures and how the Republican administration was going to apply the proper remedy immediately.

The ways and means committee of the old congress was set to work a year ago to get a tariff bill ready for the new congress, which was called in special session almost as soon as Mr. McKinley was inaugurated president. The tariff was revised, and the revision has proved to be a stunning failure. It doesn't raise revenue any better than its predecessor did—probably not so well. The condition of the treasury is worse now than it was a year ago, when the triumphant Republican managers said it was dreadful.

M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE.

It Will Bring Its Own Rebuke and Unite the Democracy.

President McKinley's message has met the worst of our anticipations. It will revive partisanship where it slumbered and awaken animosities which had died out. It is a clean cut, anti-Democratic line of policy that he advocates throughout. On every point upon which it was possible to differ from the manly, progressive and humanitarian spirit of his fellow countrymen he has taken his position. In every way that he could subject American pride to the plutarchy of Great Britain, could humiliate his country to the retroactive demands of Spain, could advise additional tax burdens on the American people, could urge an increase of government expenses, he has spoken. He has done his utmost to prove to the voters of the United States what a grand error they made in elevating him to the presidency.

This message will bring its own rebuke. It will unite the Democracy of the Union down to the last man. It will render impossible any alliance, any toleration even, for our political opponents upon our part. It will rouse the sentiment of hostility, reprobation and earnest opposition, in and out of congress, to his administration. It will bring forth out of their delusion every Democrat who openly or secretly aided in the success of the Republican platform of 1896.

Henceforth the war of partisanship is renewed upon the old and well known lines, and to the end of the McKinley administration there must be neither truce nor concession nor compromise nor anything but unrelenting opposition.—New York News.

TRUSTS TRIUMPHANT.

Under Republican Rule They Continue to Grow and Prosper.

In October, 1899, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch printed a list of 139 trusts and combines formed to control prices and prevent competition. Since then, as was to have been expected under the regime of the party favorable to trusts, not one of these unlawful concerns has been broken up by government action. On the contrary, the further formation of trusts has gone actively on, and there is not the least hope that the people will get any relief for the next three years.

During the past 12 months the following new trusts or reformations of old combines have been reported:

Bicycle tube makers, woodworking machinery manufacturers, malting companies, glucose manufacturers, sheet iron and enameled ware makers, sewer pipe makers, milk companies of New York, cracker companies, wire nail makers, window glass manufacturers, wholesale clothiers, theaters and several gas companies.

The only two legal actions of any importance against trusts reported in the same period were an attempted injunction in the case of the Glucose trust and an investigation of the sewer pipe combine by the attorney general. The injunction was defeated, and the investigation apparently fell through.

For the present the trusts are in the saddle, but the people's turn will come. They know that a democratic form of government will be impossible when the industries by which they live are controlled by a few men whose power gives them a dominant influence in politics. The reckoning is inevitable. What kind of reckoning shall it be?

Republican Policy.

According to the estimates of the secretary of the treasury, $32,000,000 more will be required to run the government next year than this, and it is curious to note that the increase is mainly for "public works," which means extravagant buildings and profitable contracts. The allowance for the navy is cut down and that for pensions is not increased, but the people of the interior villages are to have expensive postoffices and the different creeks are to be turned into "navigable waters." It is the original Republican party policy all over again.

LEGAL NUGGETS

Some Important Decisions Rendered by Courts.

POINTS BEARING ON REVOCATION OF WILLS.

Competency of Witnesses Passed Upon.

Several important legal decisions have recently been handed down by the courts.

Some of these nuggets of law may be of interest to Sun readers, and so are given below:

The revocation of a will by the mere execution of a subsequent will without clause of revocation is denied in Chesver vs. North (Ich.) 37 L. R. A. 561, but it is held that the destruction of the later one revives the former one. With this case is an exensive review of the decisions as to the revocation of a will by a subsequent will, and the revival of the former by the destruction of the latter.

Inability to comprehend the obligation of a note, or to understand and intelligently answer the questions put by the court upon voir dire examination, is held, in State vs. Meyers (Neb.) 37 L. R. A. 423, to render a person incompetent to testify as a witness. With the case are reviewed the decisions on the effect of insanity upon the competency of witnesses.

An attempt to substitute as beneficiary of an endowment certificate in the Knights of Phythias a creditor in place of the member's widow and children is held abortive in Carson vs. Vicksburg Bank (Miss.) 37 L. R. A. 559, because the constitution of the organization provides that the benefits are for persons related to or dependent upon the member, and that they shall never be appropriated to the payment of any debts against his estate.

An express promise of a benefit insurance contract to pay $2,000 upon maturity, and another stipulation that the amount obtained on a full assessment on the division when it has less than 1,200 members shall be a payment in full are held in Thuenen vs. Iowa Mut. Ben. Asso. (Iowa) 37 L. R. A. 357, not to be void for repugnancy.

The agreement of a plumbers' association to the effect that the members will not deal with wholesale dealers who sell to any persons who are not members of the association, is held in Macauley vs. Tierney, (R. I.) 37 L. R. A. 155, to be lawful, and not to constitute a conspiracy, since the object of the combination and the means adopted for its accomplishment are lawful.

The right of a passenger to take packages of groceries for the use of his family into a passenger car is denied in Bullock vs. Delaware, L. & W. R. Co. (N. J.) 37 L. R. A. 417, when the terms of his ticket entitle him to "personal passage." But it is held that the owners of the railroad company cannot lawfully take the packages away from him by force after he enters the car, although if he refuses to remove them, he with his packages may be removed without unnecessary force.

A representation that notes are as good as gold, made to induce a vendor to accept them as part of the purchase price of land, and intended and understood to be a representation of facts within the vendee's knowledge, of which the vendor knew nothing, is held in Andrews vs. Jackson (Mass.) 37 L. R. A 402, to constitute an actionable false representation, and not merely an expression of opinion.

For the support of a minor son surreptitiously taken from the father by the mother after divorce without any decree as to the custody of the child, where he continues to live with the mother after her remarriage, it is held in Foss vs. Hartwell (Mass.) 37 L. R. A. 589, that the father cannot be held liable to the mother and her second husband, merely because he has permitted the child to remain with them without any agreement or demand for compensation.

The liability of a railroad company for injury to a young child which strays upon the track because of the lack of a fence is sustained in Rosse vs. St. Paul and D. R. Co. (Minn.) 37 L. R. A. 591, overruling a prior decision to the effect that the statute requiring fences was exclusively for the protection of domestic animals.

HEAVY FIRE LOSSES.

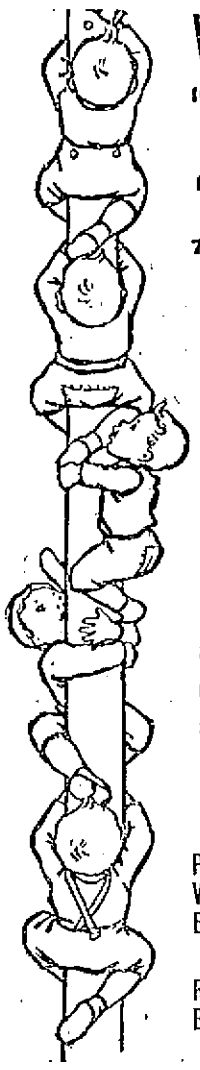
Six weeks ago, the underwriters of Lowell considered that the year 1897, when completed, would see a small amount of losses. But several costly fires have occurred since. The total losses paid in Lowell during the year, until Huntington Hall was burned, amounted to about $100,000. The interest of the Boston & Maine railroad in the Huntington Hall building was covered by insurance. At the present it seems as though the net loss will amount to about $400 a day for every day in the year. At this rate, fire insurance companies will be losing money in Lowell.

REV. FR. McHUGH.

Rev. John J. McHugh, who was ordained last Friday celebrated the children's mass at St. Patrick's church yesterday. He will be the celebrant of the solemn high mass at St. Patrick's church on Christmas day.

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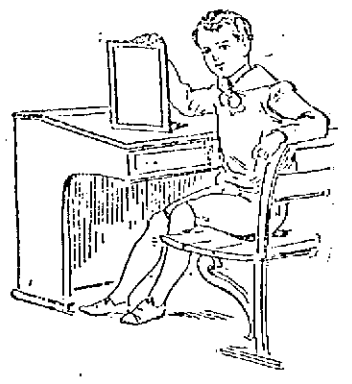
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SENATOR CHANDLER TALKS

Against the Insane Ideas of Secy. Gage of U. S. Treasury.

He Says the Opening of the Financial Question by Congress Will be Suicide for the Republican Party.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Chandler of New Hampshire has written a letter to the Washinton Post in which he says: "If the secretary of the treasury and his single gold standard associates will cease their demand for impossible currency legislation, congress will pass the necessary appropriation bills, probably take care of Hawaii and Cuba, there will not be a serious party division during the session and there will be an adjournment in May. Business will revive, the treasury receipts will equal the expenditures, the balance of trade will continue in our favor, and the Republican party will in November, 1898, elect a majority of the house in the Fifty-fifth congress.

"On the other hand if Secretary Gage continues to press on congress a bill, the object of which, he says, is 'first to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard' and the immediate effect of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the president's declaration in favor of continued efforts to secure bimetallism, a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united Republicans into fragments, while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition. It is not feasible to retire the greenbacks; there is more probability that a bill will be sent to the president to increase their amount. It is not possible to secure the passage through either house of a bill making the greenbacks into gold notes, or authorizing bonds payable in gold. The effort to do either thing will probably result in the passage of a bill for the redemption of the greenbacks in silver dollars and for the payment of all United States bonds in gold or silver coin in the discretion of the president, who will be commanded to exercise his option for the advantage of the government and not for the advantage of the creditors.

"With such an uproar in congress as these proceedings will create, with western congressmen embroiled therein, with presidential vetoes, as threatened by Secretary Gage, under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and funds and stocks will be disturbed and prices will fall, insolvencies will increase and the Republicans lose the congressional election in 1898 as disastrously as they did in 1890 and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time therefore a Bryan Democratic president and congress will be chosen.

"Whether we are to have one of these results—political safety, or the other, political destruction—depends entirely upon the course to be pursued by Secretary Gage and those who are pressing him forward, namely, the gold stanrard league of New York and the self-constituted national monetary conference. How much Secretary Gage cares for the Republican party is not known. Whether President McKinley, whose good faith towards bimetallism is coming to the test, will stop his secretary in his insane career is not known. It is to be hoped he will. No political situation has been clearer than the present to sound eyes since the Republican party began its marvellous career 42 years ago. There are times for all things. There is a time to move and a time to keep still, and now is the time to so keep.

"It is simply political suicide for the Republican party in this congress to affirmatively open the discussion of the money question and to bring on yea and nay votes upon currency legislation. We ought to await the progress of international bimetallism, the advent of business prosperity and the filling of the treasury by the normal workings soon to be seen of the new tariff law. Shall we wait for these things, or rush on to self-destruction? President McKinley must decide. Will he act for his people or for his plutocrats? Upon his answer will depend the events of 1898."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Augustus Anderson was killed at Tolland, Mass., while logging near his home.

The insurgents are increasing largely in numbers in the province of Pinar Del Rio, Havana and Matanzas.

In an explosion aboard the British steamer Southern Cross, from Buenos Ayres for Liverpool, which arrived at Maderia yesterday, several were killed or wounded.

The Cuban autonomists pretend to be in correspondence with 20 insurgent leaders who have agreed to surrender to the authorities in case autonomy is established in the island.

Lieutenant General Marin, captain general of Puerto Rico, is about to resign owing to the impossibility of reconciling the different parties in the island with a view of establishing autonomy.

Nathan Woodman, the almhouse inmate who assaulted and seriously injured Mrs. Preble, wife of the keeper, at West Newbury, Mass., last Thursday, has been adjudged insane and will be confined in an asylum.

Police Inspector Albert Escalento has been expelled from Cuba for conspiracy against the government. He was relieved of his office by the new administration, after which he became involved in plots against the government.

The number of licensed saloons in New York Sept. 30, under the new excise law, was 15,959, against 22,957 in 1896. The number of drinking saloons per thousand inhabitants averaged 4.5 Sept. 30 for the 41 cities of the state.

The schooner Silver Heels, suspected of having engaged in filibustering operations, is detained at Wilmington, N. C., unable to get clearance papers. She has taken on a cargo of lumber which the captain says he will take to Barbadoes.

KILLED A FOOTPAD.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Policeman William Russell shot and killed a highwayman here, and 25 minutes later he was made a sergeant by Chief Ripley, one of the quickest police promotions on record in Chicago. Russell and Policeman Gardner noticed two men acting in a suspicious manner and followed them four blocks. The policemen caught the men in the act of robbing Andrew Young, a salesman for Montgomery, Ward & Co. Russell followed one man into an alley and fired in the air to stop him, but the man ran faster. A second shot brought him down. He died in a few moments. Gardner captured the other robber, who gave the name of John Wilson. The dead man is supposed to be Charles Casler of Buffalo.

LONGSTANDING JEALOUSY.

London, Dec. 20.—The fiancee of William Arthur Prince, who murdered William Terriss, the actor, as he was entering the Adelphi theater last Thursday evening, attributes the crime to a long-standing jealousy of Terriss, whom Prince believed to be responsible for the rebuff his advances had received from the leading lady of the Adelphi three years ago, when Prince was employed there as a "super." His advances became so persistent that the lady complained to the management, which resolved to discharge Prince; but Terriss intervened and the dismissal was delayed. Prince misunderstood Terriss' action in the matter and resolved upon revenge.

HEAVY CUT IN WAGES.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 20.—Notices have been posted in the Union Pacific shops at Cheyenne and Laramie reducing the time of the men employed from five to four days a week and from eight hours to seven hours per day, taking effect immediately. In addition the employes are given a lay-off of 10 days during the holidays. This is equal to a reduction of 30 per cent in wages. The reduction is said to be caused by a falling off of business on the Union Pacific equal to 40 per cent of the business during the summer months.

FOUR WERE KILLED.

Repton, Ala., Dec. 20.—A defective flue caused a locomotive on the Bear Creek logging road to explode Saturday night and kill four men. The dead are: John O'Connor, engineer; John Clipper, fireman; John Johnson, trainman; Henry Vicker, trainman.

CANADIAN METROPOLIS.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The Minerve, the only French morning newspaper in Montreal, has suspended publication after an existence of nearly 50 years.

W. C. McDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, whose gifts to McGill university already aggregate nearly $3,000,000, has just given an additional $250,000 to the institution. Fifty thousand of this sum are to be used as an endowment in strengthening the law faculty, and the remainder is for the scientific department in the building for which his previous donations have been principally used.

STRUCK A RUNAWAY CAR.

Castle Rock, Colo., Dec. 20.—Sunday night there was a wreck at a point two miles north of here on the Rio Grande road in which 33 men were injured, one or two fatally. It was the result of a collision between a passenger train and a chair car broke the connection with the rest of the train. The car contained about 50 men, who had been laying rails on the Rio Grande. The fireman and engineer of the colliding engine escaped by jumping. Most of the injuries are flesh wounds and bruises.

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MAUD GONNE'S RECEPTION

By Mayor Quincy, Hon. P. A. Collins and Other Leaders.

In Boston at Columbia Theatre—Strong Plea Against the Proposed International Treaty With England—Boston Police Board Assailed.

Boston, Dec. 20.—An audience which completely filled the Columbia theater greeted Maud Gonne upon her first appearance in this city as a champion of Ireland's rights. The interest of the great assembly, however, was not wholly confined to the remarks of the "Joan of Arc of Ireland," for upon the platform sat all three of the candidates for mayor at the coming city election, and it was confidently anticipated that each would address the meeting at the conclusion of Miss Gonne's remarks.



MISS MAUDE GONNE.

In this the audience was disappointed, for while Mr. Curtis, the Republican, and Mr. Riley, the Bryan Democratic, candidates were prepared to speak either in an endorsement of Miss Gonne, or add to the political fire of the campaign, Mr. Quincy absolutely refused to say anything, and the management therefore filled in the program with speakers whose remarks were confined to Ireland and not to Boston politics. The meeting was delayed an hour before the political managers could reach an agreement, and the audience was therefore wrought up to an intense pitch of excitement when Miss Gonne appeared, followed by all three of the candidates.

Miss Gonne was introduced by Patrick A. Collins, one of the leading speakers for Candidate Quincy, but his remarks lacked a political tinge, and the excitement of local events was swallowed up in the interest which Miss Gonne aroused by her graphic story of Ireland's distress. She was followed by James T. Egan, who spent several years in English prisons, and also by one or two local leaders, and before the audience realized it the meeting came to an end without either of the three men who are playing important parts in the campaign having an opportunity of saying a word.

POLICE BOARD ASSAILED.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The recent attack upon the police commissioners of Boston, of which General A. P. Martin is chairman, by Rev. A. A. Berle of this city, was supplemented Sunday afternoon by the same clergyman from the Tremont temple pulpit. He alluded to the incident in which Governor Wolcott sent the state police to investigate certain hotels against which serious complaints had been made, and which later were ordered closed by the commissioners, and asserted that these hotels would be allowed to resume. This proposed action, Mr. Berle said, was enough to confirm the opinion of Governor Wolcott, that he had no confidence in the police board, with that of the people of Boston.

Mr. Berle, in continuing his attack, cited instances in the governing of saloons to show that the license system in Boston is more of a farce than prohibition would be. In closing his criticism was: "As the license system is conducted in Boston it is absolutely impossible for a man to carry on its enforcement without coming head and shoulders under the iron heel of this oligarchy."

A FAMILY RESCUED

From Certain Death in a Burning Building.

A VESSEL BURNED IN SALEM HARBOR.

Leather Firms in Boston Badly Injured.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—A fire started in the basement of the building occupied by the Mormond & Jaccard Jewelry company Sunday, and in a short time the interior of the five-story structure was completely destroyed. The total loss will reach $335,000.

The fire had been burning some time before it was discovered. The south wall and all the floors began falling soon afterward, making one of the fiercest and quickest fires in the annals of the fire department. It is thought the fire started in the boiler room, communicating to the packing room and, shooting up the elevator shaft, quickly spread over the building. W. A. Ruttledge, the engineer, and his family lived on the fourth floor. They barely escaped. The firemen dragged them unconscious from their beds and carried them down a fire escape. Five minutes later the floors fell. Several other tenants in the building had narrow escapes, but there were no fatalities.

The Mermon & Jaccard Jewelry company was one of the largest in the world, and, this being Christmas season, carried an immense stock. One half of the stock had been placed in the two large vaults and was saved, but the rest, as well as the building and fixtures, was totally destroyed. So fierce was the fire that not a dollar's worth of salvage was taken out.

The Model Cloak company, in the northeast corner of the building, was wiped out at a loss of $50,000, on which there was an insurance of three-fourths.

THREE HOURS' WORK.

Grand Forks, S. D., Dec. 20.—Sunday night the business portion of the city was threatened by another fire which might have been more destructive than that of Friday, when the hotel Dacotah, the Mercantile company and Nash Bros.' buildings were burned. Shortly after six o'clock smoke was seen issuing from the first floor of the big department store of Bonner & Boggs, and in less than 15 minutes the building was in flames and the fire had crept into the Stanchfield clothing house and the H. A. Stone jewelry store in the building adjoining. After three hours' work the fire was subdued. The damage to the building and stock of Bonner & Beggs will be $55,000. The loss to the other firms will be small.

BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE.

Salem, Mass., Dec. 20.—Sunday morning the three-masted schooner Marguerite, from St. John to New York with a cargo of laths, put in here for a harbor and anchored off Beverly Farms. The crew was raising the anchor to get under way when the cabin was found to be in flames. When it was found that the fire was too much for the crew, a boat was sent ashore and an alarm rung in. The Beverly apparatus responded, but the vessel was too far off shore to be reached by a stream, and the firemen only saw the vessel burn to the water's edge.

FIRE IN BOSTON.

Boston, Dec. 20.—A number of leather firms occupying a five-story building on South street was damaged to a considerable extent last night by a fire in the upper portion of the building. W. B. White & Son sustained the heaviest loss, while the Union Leather company and H. L. Houghton were sufferers from water. The total loss will be about $5000. The building was only slightly injured.

WRECKED BY A MAIL HOOK.

Vail, Ia., Dec. 20.—The overland limited on the Northern railroad was wrecked in a most extraordinary manner. A dangling hook on a mail car caught in a switch rod as the train was running at the rate of 50 miles per hour. The switch was thrown and three Pullman, two tourist and two ordinary coaches were dashed to pieces. Although 240 passengers were on board, no one was killed, but 26 passengers were hurt.

Every car behind the mail car, which caused the wreck, was thrown from the rails, turned over and reduced to pieces. The engine and two mail cars remained on the track. The rear of the train wrenched itself loose from the forward part, and the locomotive shot forward with increased speed. This was the first notice that the engineer had that something was wrong. Then he heard the roar as the coaches were jammed together and splintered on the prairie in his rear.

The weather was intensely cold, and the meagre clothing of those who escaped from the train was insufficient to protect them. People from the little village hurried to the wreck at once, and as fast as the passengers were taken out they were hurried to the homes of the citizens. The flames were quickly extinguished and the work of rescue moved rapidly.

NO WORK IN CHINA.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The first report to the state department of Consul Goodnow at Shanghai contains a warning to American railroad men not to go to China for employment. Says he: "The American only invites starvation who comes here without a definite contract of employment with some reputable firm made before he leaves America. I must advise United States railway employes that there is at present no market for their labor in China, and should more roads be constructed there will be a market only if these roads are built by Americans."

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ANOTHER FIGHT

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MANAGER OF THE PRESENT CHAMPION SO DECIDES.

Burglars Confess Crimes at Amesbury.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Martin Julian, manager for Bob Fitzsimmons, stated in an interview Sunday that the lanky champion has changed his mind and will again meet ex-Champion Corbett in the prize ring. Fitzsimmons was non-commital, refusing to confirm or deny the story and contenting himself with declaring that he has not said he will fight Corbett again.

Julian's statement was sufficiently emphatic, however, to indicate that he confidently expects the men to meet again. "Some day before very long we will give Corbett another chance," he said. "No, not now, that is a certainty, but before very long. How long I cannot say."

Asked if it was not a concession on the part of Fitzsimmons, Julian replied it was not, as the idea had been in the mind of Fitzsimmons for some time.

It is announced that Dan Stuart, who managed the Carson City battle, will meet Fitzsimmons and Julian here this week and endeavor to arrange for a meeting between the big men for next summer.

TALK ALL A BLUFF.

Milwaukee, Dec. 20.—In commenting on the McCoy-Creedon fight, Fitzsimmons said:

"I do not take the rumor that McCoy will challenge me seriously. There are plenty of good people ready to challenge me, now that I have retired from the ring. McCoy is entitled to no special credit for whipping Creedon. Creedon has not been taking care of himself, and was ready for a defeat.

"If he had been in the condition he was at New Orleans when I defeated him a year ago, McCoy would not have whipped him. He is more than a match for McCoy, and I expected him to win.

"I will not fight the victor. I retired from the ring March 17. All this talk about another go with Corbett is all bluff, inspired by the Brady-Corbett people."

PANEGRIC ON GEORGE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—William Lloyd Garrison, the well known Boston reformer, addressed the Ethical society Sunday on the life, character and work of Henry George, whom he characterized as one of the greatest men of all time. He said in part: "Never did knight of old fight more valiantly to win back the holy land from the Saracen than did Henry George to win his country from pauperism. Long after we are gone men will contemplate from varying points of view this alpine peak of moral force. The sunset of the nineteenth century will presage with added glory the coming of the twentieth because he lived, thought and wrote."

AGREEMENT ON SUBWAYS.

Boston, Dec. 20.—An agreement has been signed between the city of Boston and the Boston Elevated Railroad company, by which any additional subways which may be constructed in the city are to be leased to the Elevated company upon the same terms as the subway already built or provided for has been leased. The agreement was signed some days ago, but was held in secret pending the decision of the railroad commission on the approval of the lease between the West End and the elevated road, which approval was made public Saturday.

EMBEZZLEMENT ALLEGED.

New York, Dec. 20.—The central office detectives have arrested Jacob Price, a butcher's journeyman whom they found working at a place on Second avenue. The detectives had a warrant issued against Price in Boston dated Oct. 5, charging him with embezzlement. The prisoner admitted that his name was Price, but denied that he had been guilty of any overt act in Boston. He professed profound ignorance as to the nature of the charge against him.

Judge Springer of the Indian territory supreme court has announced that an officer of the Indian tribal courts attempting to exercise official functions after Jan. 1 will be arrested. On the first of January, by an act of congress, the tribal courts cease to exist, but many of the Indian officeholders have threatened to ignore the law.

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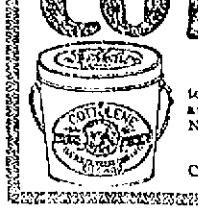
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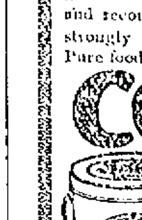


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DR. EMMENS, A MODERN ALCHEMIST, WHO IS TURNING SILVER INTO GOLD.

[Special Correspondence.]

New York, Dec. 16.—"Faraday was a Luther. He dared to say that transmutation of the metals was the next great problem for the chemist to solve."

So said Dr. Stephen H. Emmens, sitting opposite me at his desk in an office on the seventh floor of a big building overlooking Bowling Green. Below in Broadway the cable cars went clanging ceaselessly along. Across the way loomed the big red building of the Produce Exchange, where millionaire



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merchants gather every day to buy or sell. In the distance was the Brooklyn bridge and beyond it a vast area of warehouses. Millions on millions of commercial wealth were represented within range of my eye. If Dr. Emmens' hopes are realized, all that wealth will be insignificant compared with the fortune at his command. If his theories are correct, we are on the verge of a revolution, social, commercial, financial.

Not long ago the whole business world of the United States was in a ferment because England was drawing from us our stock of gold. The results of this financial crisis were felt by almost every man, woman and child in the country, directly or indirectly. The shifting of the balance of trade from one cause or another turned the stream of yellow metal back toward our shores, and immediately signs of restored confidence appeared: prosperity returned.

If Dr. Emmens perseveres in the work he is doing at his laboratory on Staten Island and accomplishes all that he claims is possible, there will never be another shortage of gold in America. Dr. Emmens will make a supply which will belittle by comparison the great hoard of the precious metal which Russia has been accumulating for so many years.

Briefly, Dr. Emmens claims to be making gold from silver. On the 13th of last April he deposited at the United States assay office in New York city 7.06 ounces of an alloy which, being separated, yielded .655 gold and .260 silver of the net value, after deducting the refining charge, of $95.65.

On the 22d of April he deposited 9.61 ounces, which yielded .601½ gold and .326 silver of the net value of $120.10.

Following these, at intervals of two or three weeks, Dr. Emmens has made other deposits, their value ranging from $120.72 to $562.18. A few days before my conversation with him he deposited 42.05 ounces, yielding .477 gold and .380 silver of a net value of $419.15. He said to me that he was turning out about $500 worth of metal at that time, though the production was not constant for reasons connected with the operation of his machinery.

That Dr. Emmens turns in gold at the assay office there is no question. I asked the director of the mint at Washington a few days ago, and he told me that the assay office had received gold from Dr. Emmens which the doctor claimed he obtained from Mexican silver dollars. All Mexican dollars, the director of the mint told me, contained a small amount of gold. According to the assay office report, however, the gold in a Mexican dollar is only "a trace" and not of any importance in disproving Dr. Emmens' claims. No one asserts that the Mexican dollar contains the amount of gold that Dr. Emmens says he obtains from it.

Here are the facts which Dr. Emmens claims, put in the plainest language: He says that he can put a Mexican silver dollar through a secret process which will produce an amount of gold much greater in value than the dollar with which the process began. Moreover, he claims that after paying the cost of an expensive treatment of the silver alloy he can make a large profit on the product.

He claims not only that he can do these things, but that he is doing them every day. The profits he is making, he says, are now $150 a week. There is no reasonable limitation to the amount of profit he can make except the physical limitations of his machinery and the strength of the three members of the syndicate which controls the process. Last May Dr. Emmens predicted that within a year he would be producing 50,000 ounces of gold a month—about $650,000 worth, or $7,800,000 worth in a year. The profit on that production would be $2,700,000 a year.

"I think that I get gold from silver by my process," said Dr. Emmens, "but I do not insist on that. Some one may think that I simply get from the silver gold which was combined with it. If that is true, I still get gold in commercial quantities from an alloy in which an assay shows no gold or only a trace. I am entirely satisfied, so long as I get the gold. For my own part, I believe that the change which occurs is molecular, but I am willing to admit that it may not be."

Dr. Emmens took from his desk three strips of metal. The first, he said, showed to his practiced eye slight traces of gold. In the second were heavy streaks of yellow. The third was all yellow.

"These three," said Dr. Emmens, "show a piece of a Mexican dollar in three stages of the process. In the third it is rich enough to be melted down into an ingot."

From a case he produced some specimens of the gold .999 fine. In places it was of a deep ruby color.

"I have produced some of a brilliant blue," said Dr. Emmens, "and I believe in time I shall get a colored gold which will be worth $30 an ounce to jewelers."

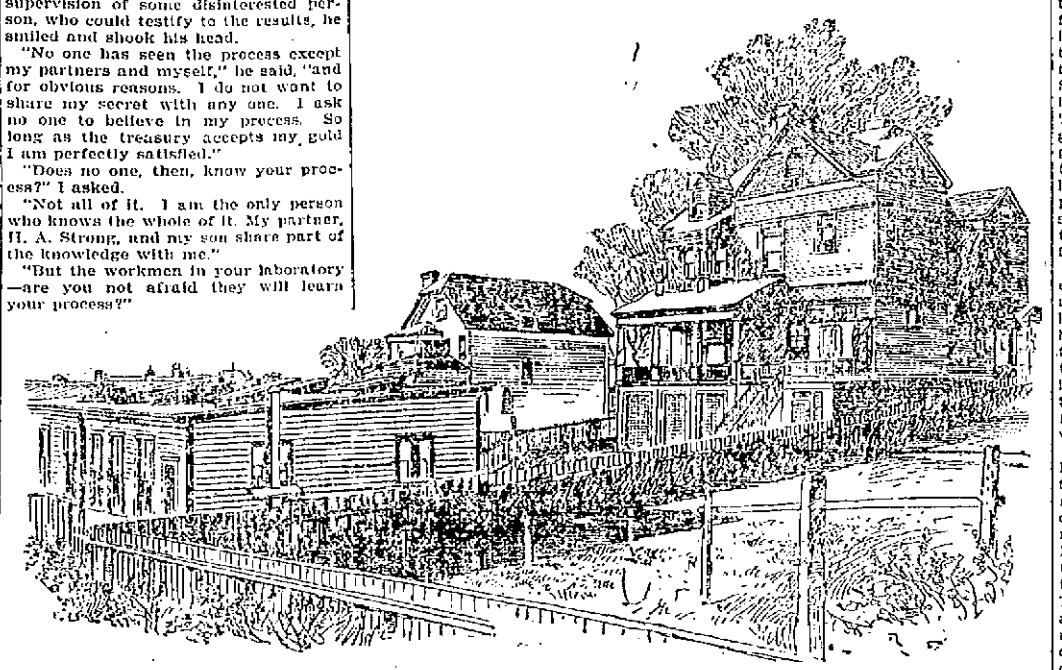
When I asked Dr. Emmens if any of his work had been conducted under the supervision of some disinterested person, who could testify to the results, he smiled and shook his head.

"No one has seen the process except my partners and myself," he said, "and for obvious reasons. I do not want to share my secret with any one. I ask no one to believe in my process. So long as the treasury accepts my gold I am perfectly satisfied."

"Does no one, then, know your process?" I asked.

"Not all of it. I am the only person who knows the whole of it. My partner, H. A. Strong, and my son share part of the knowledge with me."

"But the workmen in your laboratory—are you not afraid they will learn your process?"



THE HOME AND LABORATORY OF STEPHEN H. EMMENS AT STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

"There are no workmen in my laboratory. The three members of the syndicate do all the work."

"You have not even an engineer or a laborer?"

"No one."

"Would you sell your secret?"

"If any one can show me how it would be of any advantage to me. I have had men come to me—men conspicuous in the business and the political world—and offer to provide capital for my process up to $500,000,000, and I have always said that I should be glad to join with them if they would show me how I had anything to gain by it. They have never been able to show me, and so the matter stands. These men might offer me a million or so for my secret, but that would be paltry compared with what I expect to make out of it. In the meantime the laboratory is turning out gold and increasing the output all the time.

"Here is a proposition I have made to any nation that wants to test the process and that will make it worth my while: I will take 1,000,000 ounces of silver, worth $600,000, and from it I will make 600,000 ounces of gold, worth $13 an ounce. The cost of making the gold will be $4,000,000. Add to that the cost of the silver, $500,000, and subtract the whole from $7,800,000, the value of the gold, and you have a profit of $2,700,000."

Dr. Emmens says his process is partly physical and partly chemical. He believes the chemical influence merely makes easier the physical change. He has obtained good results from the Mexican dollars, but he finds Chinese silver, of which he obtained a small amount from the Chinese minister at Washington, is easier to manipulate. When an eminent English scientist wanted to make some experiments along the line of Dr. Emmens' work recently, he advised him to use the Chinese silver.

Scientists were once the most skeptical of men. Now they count hardly anything impossible. Improbable are many things; impossible, few. It was in a liberal latter day spirit that one of the leading scientists of Great Britain wrote to Dr. Emmens recently. I saw the letter and read it, and though I am not permitted to give the name of the writer—a name which is a household word in every civilized country—I can quote briefly from it, as follows:

"I was dining with 14 of the first chemists and physicists in England, and I passed around a small piece of argentaurum, telling them that it had been sent me by a good and trustworthy man of science for spectroscopic examination, as a sample of artificial gold transmuted from silver. I did not feel at liberty to tell anything more about it, but I said that in our present theoretical views of the constitution of matter, especially in the light of some very recent discoveries and speculations, and considering that the process adopted was quite new, I did not think it impossible that the discovery was a true one. I said there was a chance of my being shown the whole process, whereupon the universal assurance to me was that if I then assured them it was all right, they would believe in it."

Though eminent scientists only await the confirmation of the discovery, the mint bureau is inclined to scoff. A short time ago, when Dr. Emmens sent to the mint for analysis some of his gold (or argentaurum, as he calls it), Director Preston wrote to him that an assay showed platinum, iron and other metals which were found usually in old jewelry. Dr. Emmens thereupon had a Mexican dollar assayed, and finding it contained all these things, so told the mint bureau.

Dr. Emmens' work is attracting more attention in France than it is in this country, and both scientific and lay publications there have printed papers on the subject. One of the earnest objects of the French papers is to take from the "Yankee doctor" the credit of discovering the philosopher's stone. It was not a Yankee, they say, but a Frenchman who first made gold from silver, and that Frenchman is Theodore Tiffereau. Tiffereau, they say, made gold from silver and brass 50 years ago.

On Dr. Emmens' desk is a little leather casket in which are three specimens of Tiffereau's gold. Tiffereau himself sent them to the doctor with a certificate, saying that the gold was made in Mexico in 1847. Dr. Emmens is entirely satisfied of the correctness of the statement.

Tiffereau had a hard time with his discovery. He went back to France with it and confided it to the government. A test was attempted. Some of the conditions were not fulfilled; the test went wrong. The government refused to make another. So Tiffereau has been waiting 50 years for recognition. Now he has sent to Dr. Emmens the formula for his process, and at the Staten Island laboratory Dr. Emmens is repeating Tiffereau's experiments. Tiffereau claimed that he could never get as good results in France as he had got in Mexico, and he attributed it to the sunlight. Under the conditions here he hopes that Dr. Emmens will repeat his early success. Dr. Emmens says that, though the process differs entirely from his, he has no doubt Tiffereau was right.

Until Dr. Emmens produces gold in enormous quantities, there will be no means of verifying his claims, although his high standing in the scientific world has given them a weight which entitles them to the most respectful consideration. If in a year's time Dr. Emmens is increasing the world's gold supply by $650,000 a month, he will be unsettling financial conditions in a degree that will draw the world's attention to him.

And what will be the outcome if his hopes are realized? It means revolution, of course, financial, political, commercial. The gold standard will become a mockery if artificial gold is manufactured in enormous quantities. If its manufacture becomes universal, the value of silver will bound up to three or four times the value of gold. The owners of silver mines, next to the alchemists, will become the wealthiest men in the United States. The holders of the gold bonds so much coveted today will find themselves impoverished. The whole earth will be turned topsy turvy. Is Dr. Emmens prepared to father chaos? Or will he be content to make ten or fifty or a hundred millions for the argentaurum syndicate and then break his machinery and let his secret go with him to the grave?

There is one reason for believing that even if Dr. Emmens is right the making of gold may not become universal, at least for a long time. With the cheapening of gold, the men who hold the key to its production would find their profits dwindling to the point where it would no longer pay to manufacture gold from silver. And Dr. Emmens has said that not science, but "money greed," was his incentive in his search for the philosopher's stone.

GEORGE GRANTHAM BAIN.

PILLSBURY, THE FLOUR KING, TALKS ON THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.

[Special Correspondence.]

Minneapolis, Dec. 16.—Charles A. Pillsbury, the flour king, consented yesterday to be interviewed on the subject of dollar wheat and the outlook for future prices of that cereal. The following interview was submitted to Mr. Pillsbury and by him corrected:

"The present condition of the wheat market," he said, "is attributable to causes which, in my opinion, will keep the price of that commodity at higher prices than the average for the past few years for many years to come. As a matter of fact, we have unconsciously been consuming both a visible and invisible supply at a greater rate than we supposed, so that at present the visible and invisible supply is at the lowest point known in the history of the wheat markets.

"This fact would have been evident long ago had it not been for the increased facilities of transportation which have enabled us to handle a small supply so as to place it on the market with great rapidity at points where it was most seriously needed, but apparently the limit in this direction has been reached, and with the bread eaters of the world increasing in number as rapidly as they have in the past few years the time must inevitably come when production must be greater in order to supply the legitimate demand.

"Too much stress has been laid, I think, upon the part that the failure of the crop in the Argentine Republic has played in the upward tendency of the price of wheat, for it must be remembered that the total crop of that country does not equal the crop grown in any one of our own states of Minnesota, Kansas and North Dakota.

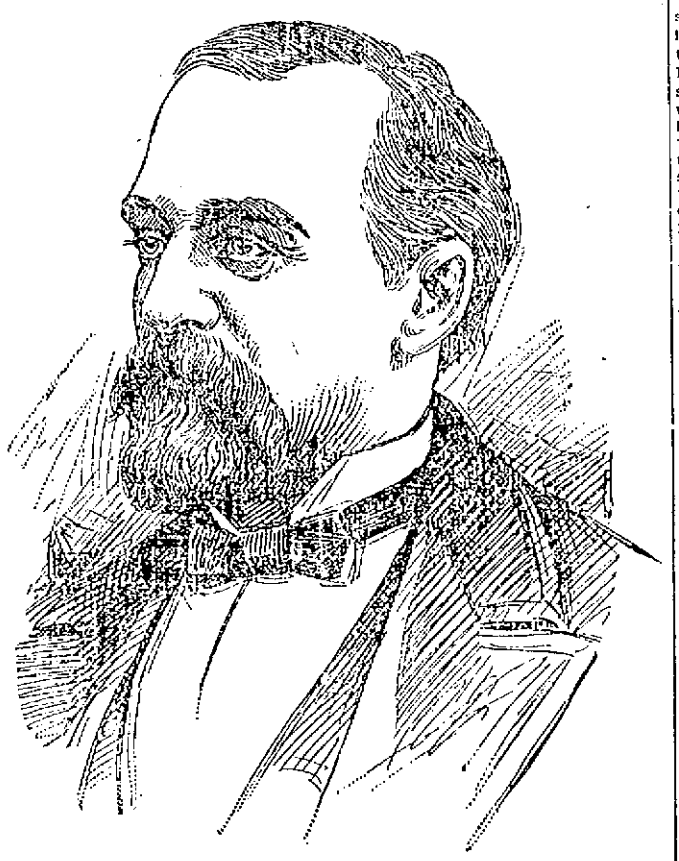
"To these states we must look in this country for increased acreage and production. They are the great wheat producers, and their farmers only require the stimulus of a settled price at a high figure, due to a constant demand, to induce them to plant more extensively than they are now doing. It is obvious that it is to the western and not to the central states that we must look in this country for more wheat.

"The eastern farmers will need constantly more and more land for grazing and agricultural purposes, and they cannot hope to compete with the fertile and practically boundless territory of the great states that I have mentioned. It is equally certain that the western farmer would not feel justified in planting to the large extent that present conditions seem to demand if he thought that the demand was to be temporary, but it is easily demonstrated and may be confidently predicted that the demand will be constant and will grow, rather than decrease.

"Only recently the Japanese government has been taking steps looking to the extensive introduction of wheat as a food to supplant the rice diet that has been the staple of that country for centuries. This is only one instance of the new markets that must inevitably open as man becomes more thoroughly under the domination of European customs and habits.

"The Japanese have, it is said, ascribed to the rice diet the small stature of the people of that race. Be that as it may, one thing is sure, that wheat contains in its kernel all the essentials for the most wholesome food that mankind can assimilate. This is demonstrable not only by the chemistry of food, but by the experience of those races that have used wheat in some form as their staple diet.

"From this fact it is evident that as the peoples who now lie outside of the more modern civilization come within its pale there will inevitably come a time when they will conform in diet as well as in legislation, costume and other details to their elder brethren, and



CHARLES, A. PILLSBURY.

when this happens wheat will of course take its place at the head of the dietetic scale.

"This means that the demand which now forces wheat to $1 will continue as a permanent factor to be counted upon, and when the wheatgrower is fully assured of this fact he will not be tardy in laying his plans to plant as many more acres as he foresees will find a purchaser in the markets of the world.

"America is the country to which the nations of the future must look for their supply of this commodity, for India and Russia, though they have increased their acreage, have about reached their limit, and in England the wheat crop has diminished instead of keeping abreast of the growing demand.

"I have said that wheat contains all the essentials for a perfect diet, and I should like here to explain why, if this be true, it should not be eaten entire instead of being separated, as it is when made into flour or any preparation other than the whole grain itself.

"This is because no nation ever attempts to live solely upon wheat. Other foods—fish, meat, lentils and so on—are taken in connection with the product of wheat itself, and it is therefore not only necessary, but undesirable that the whole grain should be consumed. Otherwise, in the attempt to gain variety, there would be an excess of nutritive qualities that is quite as much to be avoided as a deficiency of those qualities.

"I have endeavored to show what, in my opinion, are the causes which have led to the present market rate of wheat and what the causes will be which will maintain this rate, and inferentially this means that America must ultimately take her place as the great granary and mill of the civilized nations of the world.

"Of course it would be impossible, if my views are correct, and the entire population of the whole world become bread eaters, for any production of wheat, however great, to supply the demand. That difficulty will be met in all probability by still further advances along the line of rapid transportation, so that when means of distribution are perfected there need be no fear of a bread famine in any quarter of the globe."

ROBERT J. ELLENWOOD.

Objection to Stagecoaches.

In 1762 there were, strange as it seems, only six stagecoaches running in all England, and of course these were the only public vehicles for travelers. Even these were a novelty, and a person named John Crosset thought they were such a dangerous innovation that he wrote a pamphlet against them. "These coaches," he wrote, "make gentlemen come to London upon every small occasion, which otherwise they would not do except upon urgent necessity. Nay, the convenience of the passage makes their wives come often up, who, rather than come such long journeys on horseback, would stay at home. Then when they come to town they must be in the wade, get fine clothes, go to plays and treats and by these means get such a habit of idleness and love of pleasure that they are uneasy after." Even people who come to the city on steam cars are sometimes similarly affected by the visits even unto this day.

The Deadly Upas Tree.

Most people have at least heard the story of the deadly upas tree of Java, of which it was at one time said that to merely approach it was certain death. This story was treated as an absolute fable, but now it seems as if there was actually some basis of real fact for it.

The upas tree is a real tree and a very big one. In the old trees the bark is over an inch thick and full of a thick, milky juice, the merest touch of which upon the skin produces a most painful and irritating rash.

What is more, a gas arises from this juice which has a most poisonous effect upon any one near it. It is sometimes used by the natives for satisfying private revenge, for a cup of it hidden in the room of a sleeper produces stupor and eventually death.

Destruction of the Pine Moth.

German foresters have found a sure remedy for the destruction of the pine moth in the heavy pine forests of the Fatherland. The caterpillars harm the latter part of August descend to winter quarters in the heavy moss at the foot of the trees. Early in the spring they usually climb the trunks and eat the tender, green needles. Now the foresters scrape a broad band in the bark around the trunk and coat the smooth space with a mixture of glue, grease and tar. This kills the insects.

THE PACIFIC COAST NAVAL PENITENTIARY.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The laws of congress for the government of the navy or, as these laws are popularly styled, the "articles of war," designate a host of offenses for which an enlisted man of the naval service may be tried by a court martial and sentenced to imprisonment and labor, and they stipulate that such sentences may be carried into effect in any prison or penitentiary which the United States may be allowed to use by any state or territory.

Some of these offenses are of the same nature as those which are tried before civil courts, such as assault, murder and robbery, but by far the greater number are against military discipline, such as desertion, insubordination and fraudulent enlistment.

For many years enlisted men sentenced by courts martial were confined in the different state prisons, the expense being borne by the general government through the navy department, but a great saving of expense in keeping these prisoners was effected by the establishment of several naval prisons at the different navy yards, which were directly under the control of the naval authorities.

Prisons were thus started at the Boston, New York and Mare Island navy yards, and two of these are now in operation, the one at Boston for the east coast and that at Mare Island for the west coast.

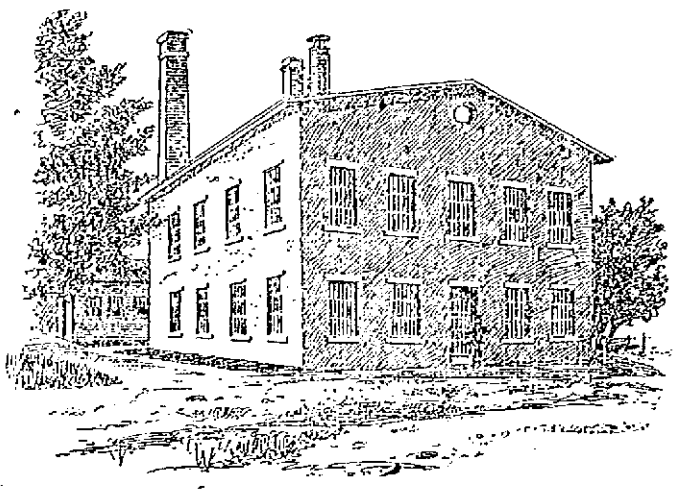
The prison at Mare Island where the sailors and marines of the Pacific squadrons and shore stations who are sentenced by naval courts to imprisonment are confined is situated back of the marine barracks at that station and is directly under the command of the commandant of the barracks.

It is a plain rectangular brick building, with rows of iron barred windows, which give it anything but a cheerful aspect. Inside of this building is a second boxlike structure of brick and concrete, which contains the cells, 24 in number, arranged in two stories, six on a side, opening on corridors that run along the sides of the main building. The floors of the second story are of steel gratings, and steel grates shut off the side corridors from those at each end of the building, while over the top of this inner prison is a large steel grating, thus effectually completing a prison within a prison.

The prison routine is exacting, and the strictest discipline is maintained, yet the prisoners, as a rule, are cheerful, and but few complaints are made. During the day the prisoners are taken out under guard of armed sentries and required to work about the buildings and grounds. The work, however, is light and gives them a chance at exercise and relief from the tedium of enforced idleness behind iron barred doors. At all times an armed sentry paces up and down the front corridor of the prison, so that escape is well nigh impossible. During the day the prisoners are allowed the freedom of the corridors and talking and reading are allowed. Unless undergoing special punishment on bread and water for five days or less the regular ration is served out to them, and smoking is allowed for one hour after each meal.

At 8:30 p. m. the sergeant of the guard searches each prisoner and cell and issues to each one a straw filled mattress and pillow and blanket, after which all are locked in the individual cells, and the strictest silence is required.

At 6 o'clock in the morning the cell doors are opened and the inmates turn in their bedding, are again inspected and allowed to wash and dress for the day. At 6:45 a. m. they have breakfast, and at 8 o'clock go out to work; from noon to 1 o'clock is dinner hour and then a period of work from 1 to 4 o'clock, with supper at 5 o'clock. Each cell contains a small iron bedstead with a wire spring bottom, a stool, a bucket and a water bottle, and the limited



THE NAVAL PRISON AT MARE ISLAND.

wardrobe of each prisoner is stowed in a small wire locker in the corridor. Saturdays they are employed mending their clothing and are required to take a bath and change their clothing.

All mail for the prisoners is opened in the presence of an officer, and if it contains nothing contraband is turned over to them, while on Sundays they are allowed a limited amount of writing material and can attend to their correspondence, all of which must be scrutinized by the officer on duty to prevent any attempt at planning an escape.

The prison is thoroughly inspected each morning by the officer on duty, and the whole prison is kept spotlessly clean from top to bottom. The sanitary arrangements are the best, the building being heated by steam, lighted by electricity and fitted with porcelain lined baths and the best sanitary plumbing. While in confinement all the pay of an enlisted man is generally stopped, except $2 or $3 a month for necessary prison expenses, such as tobacco, stationery and clothing. No distinctive prison garb is worn as in civil prisons, but the uniform of the branch of the service to which each one belongs is allowed.

Visitors are only allowed in the prison by authority of the commandant.

Infractions against the prison discipline by the inmates are punished by solitary confinement on bread and water or in single or double irons for periods of several days, according to the offense. Good behavior has its reward in a remission of a portion of the sentence, in some cases as much as one-fourth of the sentence being remitted.

The commonest offense for which sailors and marines are sent to the prison is desertion, and the sentence is usually one year in prison, with loss of pay and dishonorable discharge from the service, which takes away from the guilty one for life the rights of citizenship in the United States or to hold any office of trust or profit under the government. Fraudulent enlistment, leaving post or station without authority, disobedience of orders, neglect of duty, drunkenness, gambling, fraud, theft, striking other persons in the service and insubordination are also offenses for which men are sometimes imprisoned.

F. C. B.

Suez Canal Signals.

A most ingenious system is employed by which the director of the Suez canal can tell at a glance the exact position of all vessels passing through it. A model is placed in the office at Port Said, and the whole canal is worked from headquarters by means of the telegraph, the position of each ship being marked by a figure on the model. It is thus made easy to arrange for vessels passing each other.

Where Kissing Is Legal.

Holland's court of appeals once decided in a case of assault by a young man who kissed an unwilling girl in a street of Utrecht, that "to kiss a person cannot be an offense, as it is in the nature of a warm mark of sympathy," and dismissed the case.

POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Undertaker Smith of Leavenworth, Kan., at the recent reunion of the Grand Army veterans, displayed in front of his establishment a huge sign, "Welcome, comrades."

Count Tolstoi, about whose health disquieting reports reached this country not long since, has completely recovered. Next spring he intends to undertake a journey of about two years' duration, in the course of which he will visit the great cities of the old and new worlds—apparently, therefore, planning to visit this country. It is also said that he has finished two short novels drawn from the life of the Russian aristocracy and from that of the peasantry.

Ex-Secretary Carlisle during the last campaign in Kentucky was asked if he were going to make any speeches. "I should like to do so," said Mr. Carlisle, "but I cannot neglect my practice. You see, I have got through with that $10,000,000 matter of the bond sale, and now I must hustle for a living."

Justice Darling, recently elevated to the woolsack, is a keen humorist. When Mr. Gladstone was beginning to give up the leadership of parliament to Sir William Harcourt, it was noticed that he always left at the dinner hour, and Sir William led during the evening. One evening Mr. Darling, noticing that this had happened as usual, drove Sir William to fury and convulsed the house by remarking, "I notice lately that the party opposite, adopting an ancient precedent, have set up a greater light to rule the day and a lesser light to rule the night."

Press dispatches from New York announce that one Kirk appeared in court as a prisoner dressed in black frock coat, yellow waistcoat, striped black and white trousers and patent leather shoes, the uppers of which matched the trousers. And yet the same dispatches stated his offense was a mystery.

Roman Nose and White Horse, with 150 Arapahoes and Cheyennes, recently rode into Harper, Kan., and compelled the white girls to participate in an impromptu ball which they insisted upon giving in the public square of that town.

Miss Marie Audubon, the great-granddaughter of the naturalist, has spent 12 years in translating from the French the journals of her illustrious ancestor.

The Marquis of Salisbury has been in official life about 44 years.

MANY DIVIDENDS PASSED

By the Mills of Fall River Say the Leading Officials.

Eleven of the Mills Made no Profits—Earnings of All Averaged Less Than Four Per Cent.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 20.—The annual dividend list of the Fall River mills has been issued from the office of G. M. Haffards & Co. and furnishes a striking argument from their standpoint in favor of the contention of the manufacturers that business must be conducted on a lower basis. As against three mills which did not pay dividends in 1893, 11 have passed entirely this year, and that paid by the Anawan is the result of a sale of real estate, and does not properly represent earnings.

The list shows an increase of $500,000 in capital invested, the new Arkwright mill being included in the list, although cotton has not yet been put in. This leaves the total capital invested upon which to base the amount of dividends paid at the same figure as one year ago, $22,333,000. In addition to the Anawan, Fall River manufactory and Barnaby gingham mill, which has not paid dividends for some time, the Conanicut, Globe yarn, Laurel Lake, Metacomet, Pocasset, Robeson, Slade, Weetamoe and Kerr thread have paid their stockholders nothing during the past year.

The earnings of the mills as represented by the amount paid out in dividends were $778,300, against $1,368,875 in 1896 and $1,742,626 in 1895. This is an average on the total capital invested of 3.38 per cent, against 5.95 per cent in 1896 and 8.18 per cent in 1895. The percentages would be much smaller were it not for the Bourne, which has paid a regular monthly dividend of 1 per cent and an additional dividend of 5 per cent in August. This mill is situated just across the state line in Rhode Island, and is subject to the labor laws of the latter state, though deriving all the benefits of the Fall River market. It also gains through the lower tax rate to which the property is subject.

The conference prayed for by the labor unions was held this afternoon. To the surprise of everyone, the manufacturers' executive committee Saturday signified a willingness to meet representatives of the operatives for a plain talk on the situation.

REDUCTION CONDEMNED.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Sunday the Central Labor union devoted considerable attention to the municipal campaign because of the charge that it had been "dragged into the mud of local politics through indiscretions of a delegate." Resolutions condemning such action were passed.

The proposed reduction of wages in Fall River and other New England mill towns was discussed and vigorously condemned. The alleged reason for such a cutdown (southern competition) was ridiculed, the delegates claiming that this furnished no adequate excuse, as the textile workers of the north and particularly of New England are vastly superior to the operatives of the southern mills. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the members of the Arkwright club have prepared a Christmas and New Year's gift for their employes in the shape of less to live on—if such a thing is possible—and generously drawn their attention to the former slave of the south in a sarcastic spirit, which for cold-bloodedness reminds us of the taskmaster, Pharoah:

"Resolved, that we, the representatives of organized labor, protest against the proposed reduction of the wages of the textile operatives of Fall River."

An eight-hour meeting of the labor organizations and workmen of Boston and vicinity was determined upon for Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. The executive committee was also instructed to draft a bill to the next legislature making election days legal holidays.

RUSSIA INVADES CHINA

Occupation of Port Arthur by the Russian Fleet.

Regarded as a Reply to Germany—Anxiety Expressed by the Press of Berlin.

London, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of The Times at Pekin says: "China approves of the Russian fleet entering at Port Arthur, being persuaded that this notion is taken in the interests of China and necessitated by the German occupation of Kiao-Chau."

A dispatch to The Times from Shanghai says the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia cannot fail to provoke popular indignation in Japan, where public opinion is already excited over the Kiao-Chau affair.

According to a dispatch to The Daily Mail from Shanghai, the high officials of the Chinese court have advised the emperor, in view of further complications, to remove the court to Nanking, the southern capital. The dispatch says it is reported there that overtures have been made to England to exercise protection over the Yang-Tse valley and to West river, and that numerous rumors are current regarding the activity of the British squadron in Chinese waters.

The Times, commenting editorially this morning on the situation in China, says: "Instead of the kaiser's mailed fist, we have Russia's velvet glove; but the grasp is not less vigorous and unyielding. Great Britain ought now courteously to invite China to extend the same privileges to the British fleet at Chusan."

Telegrams from all the continental capitals show that Russia's step at Port Arthur is regarded as tantamount to a permanent occupation and a reply to Germany's action. A well-informed St. Petersburg correspondent says there was no agreement between Russia and Germany, and that the latter simply warned Russia when the occupation of Kiao-Chau was already decided upon.

The Novoe Vremya pretends that Japan has no cause for complaint "since China is only giving the same shelter to Russian ships as Japan had hitherto so kindly offered." This view is not held in Berlin, where the papers are already talking of the possibility of Prince Henry having to shake his mailed fist at Japan that is supposed to be secretly backed up by England. Some of the Berlin papers express anxiety, but most of them welcome the news from Port Arthur as justifying the German position at Kiao-Chau, if not as actual evidence that Russia and Germany are acting together. Curiously enough Emperor William visited the Russian embassador on Friday night on his return from Kiel, ostensibly to congratulate him on the name day of Emperor Nicholas. The visit lasted an hour. There is no doubt now that the emperor and the ambassador discussed Chinese affairs.

The Paris papers, without pretending to be deceived by Russia's innocent explanations, are pleased with the action of the ally of France. The burden of Viennese comment is: "What will England do?" The British fleet in Chinese waters consists of one ironclad, nine cruisers and 13 smaller men-of-war.

The only possible explanation of the reported action at Port Arthur would be that it is not Russia's intention that Germany shall actually initiate the partition of China. A Russian diplomatist thus describes the situation: "Nobody can help foreseeing a possible outbreak in China. Therefore it is necessary clearly to define our spheres of influence and our possessions and likewise those of Germany. Thus we might give Germany carte blanche for the development of her commerce in China, while we remain the friends and defenders of China."

UNDER A BLACK CLOUD.

Boston, Dec. 20.—A young man named Black, who, up to a week ago was employed by Smith, Patterson & Co., jewelers, is wanted by Chief Inspector Watts of the police. It is alleged that he is guilty of larceny, but the amount involved is not known.

The local police were notified last week that an attempt had been made in New York to pawn jewelry supposed to belong to Smith, Patterson & Co., but that the man who tried to raise the money had escaped from the custody of a private detective, whom the pawnbroker had employed to look up he case. Considerable jewelry was found in Black's baggage at the Broadway Central hotel, but the Boston firm is unable to give any idea as to whether its salesman, whose description as given by the New York police agrees with that of Black, had succeeded in pawning more of his samples. The firm was not aware of any loss until apprised by the chief of his discovery.

ADMISSION OF WEAKNESS.

Paris, Dec. 20.—In a letter to Mr. Dufeill, who has just resigned the position of Orleans representative in France, the Duke of Orleans says: "French public opinion is returning to moderate conservative ideas. The monarchists should not try to impede this salutary movement, inasmuch as what ought to be considered is not the immediate apparent advantage of party, but the higher interests of France."

A paper, commenting on the letter, calls it a "striking admission of weakness, almost amounting to a practical renunciation of the Orleans claims."

BAD STORM IN TEXAS.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—One of the worst sleet storms in the history of Texas prevailed in that state yesterday. It is impossible to get any information whatever from Dallas, the center of the storm section, as all the wires are down.

As showing the extent of the storm, the telegraph companies can get no nearer Dallas on the routes than Waco, Marshall on the east, Eagle pass on the west and some points in the southern part of the Indian territory north, showing that it covers several hundred miles of territory.

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THE GANG CONFESSED.

Amesbury, Dec. 20.—Salisbury was the scene of several burglaries, four stores having been among the places entered. Considerable booty was secured by the thieves, including small sums of money. The local authorities did their best to stop the thieves, and being unable to do so, called upon State Officer Hammond for assistance. The latter looked the field over, noted that William Nichols, L. W. Dow, C. F. Dow and C. S. Bray were always together, and from other evidence decided to place them under arrest. This was done, and the prisoners confessed, telling where much of the plunder had been hidden.

Search was made, and nearly all of the property stolen from the different places in Salisbury was recovered. Butter which was taken from a grocery store in tubs was found buried in a back yard. Other articles were hidden in a hencoop on the Dow premises, and still other merchandise had been placed in thickets in the woods. The total value of the plunder was several hundred dollars.

ROBBED A POSTOFFICE.

Canal Dover, O., Dec. 20.—Robbers effected an entrance into the postoffice Saturday night, blew open the safe with dynamite and secured $100 in money order funds, $30 worth of stamps, $75 in money belonging to the postmaster, and a diamond ring belonging to his daughter. Although the robbery occurred in the heart of the city, no one heard the explosion and the robbers escaped. Inspector A. B. Holmes is trailing two suspects.

ROBBED BY MASKED MEN.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 20.—Friday night masked robbers entered the house of Warren Spaulding and wife, two miles from Hubbardston on a remote road. Mrs. Spaulding was thrown to one side, a revolver was placed at the head of Spaulding and demands were made on Mrs. Spaulding for money. Forty dollars were secured.

BOXER SHOT HIS WIFE.

Alpena, Mich., Dec. 20.—Sunday afternoon Maurice E. Casey, aged 40 years, a teacher of boxing, went to the home of his wife's mother, called his wife to the door and shot her four times with a revolver. One of the shots struck her just under the right eye, and it is feared penetrated the brain. The others took effect in the arm and hips. Casey then went toward the river and it is thought drowned himself.

The couple have not lived happily for years, and recently were granted a legal separation, each being given the custody of one child. Physicians say Mrs. Casey cannot live.

SMALLPOX ON A STEAMER.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Holland-American line steamer Edam arrived at quarantine Saturday night from Amsterdam and Bologne with 277 steerage passengers, and anchored to await the visit of the health officers. When the passengers were inspected the health officers found an infant suffering with smallpox. It was decided to vaccinate all insufficiently protected passengers and to remove all to Hoffman island for observation of 14 days.

RATKILLERS' BATTLE

IT WAS CELEBRATED BY A BANQUET AT A SCHOOLHOUSE.

Two Hundred People Participated In the Feast—The Dogs Were Guests of Honor. Nearly Five Thousand Rat Tails Exhibited as Proof of the Slaughter.

At the little schoolhouse in Gurneyville, O., 200 people a few nights ago sat down to a novel banquet. It was a feast in honor of the great rat killing contest which was waged for three days in the northern edge of Clinton county and resulted in the slaughter of 4,920 rodents.

The banquet was tendered by the losing side in the contest, and the dogs which had participated in the hunt were guests of honor. While the men and their ladies participated in the feast and recounted their battles, the dogs were decorated with ribbons and petted as probably they never were before.

The vicinity in which the contest took place is one of the best communities in that part of Ohio, and the participants were young men from the best families and older ones at the head of the best families.

One evening not long ago, while a considerable company of men, young and old, was spending the evening in the Gurneyville postoffice, a comfortable and hospitable loafing place for the community, where all the neighborhood news is fully discussed, the subject of rats and the great annoyance they are to farmers was brought up and duly considered. Finally some one proposed that an army be raised in the vicinity for the purpose of exterminating as many rodents as possible. To make the expedition interesting it was suggested that sides be chosen and a supper to the whole party be given on the Saturday night following the end of the affair by the side losing the contest, the supper to include the families and invited guests of the contestants.

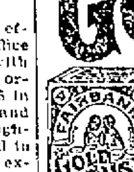
The idea struck the crowd favorably, and immediately Mr. E. A. Oren, son of ex-State Senator Jesse N. Oren, and Mr. Elbert Kirk were chosen as captains of the hosts, and they chose their sides, 80 men each.

The next morning the hunt began, and groups of men could be seen driving out over the country in all directions, eight or ten in a party. All the rat dogs in the country for miles around were called into use, while the men were armed with clubs. The hunters would drive up to a farmhouse and make known their mission to the farmer, who would gladly join them, and turn over his barn, straw stacks, chicken houses and other outbuildings to the dogs and hunters. Then would commence the work of removing the rubbish, tearing up floors, forking hay and shoveling corn, all of these things being required in driving the rats out, so that the dogs could get at them. Sometimes in a close corner in a corn bin a nest of a dozen large rats would be disturbed, and they would fly in all directions for liberty, not infrequently taking refuge up a hunter's leg, pursued by the snapping dogs, amid shouts of laughter.

In more than one instance men were bitten by the infuriated rats, and sometimes the dozen dogs would have all they could do to manage an army of rats, such as would be brought to bay by tearing up the floor of a barn, which was often done. In several instances a hundred rats would be killed in a few minutes, which would make a lively time for the dogs and men, all of whom would come out of the scrimmage as bloody as butchers, and not without wounds either. At each place the hunt would wind up with amputating the rats' tails, which were to be used as evidence of the number killed.

The greatest numbers of rats were caught at the barns of E. L. Carey, 200; J. R. Johnston, 230, and George McCune, 205. Clayton Babb was considered the champion catcher, often using his bare hands to snare the rat when the dogs were not handy, and he secured more tails than anybody. The champion dogs were A. E. Oren's water spaniel, J. D. Hurley's and W. B. Hamilton's small rat dogs and E. L. Carey's rat dogs. This work went on for three days, and no one had any idea how many rats were being killed, few of them dreaming that the number was running away up in the thousands until the end of the week, when the two sides met at the Gurneyville postoffice to count up the tails. It was found that Elbert Kirk and his company had caught 2,468 and Arthur Oren and his company had caught 2,452, making a total of 4,920.

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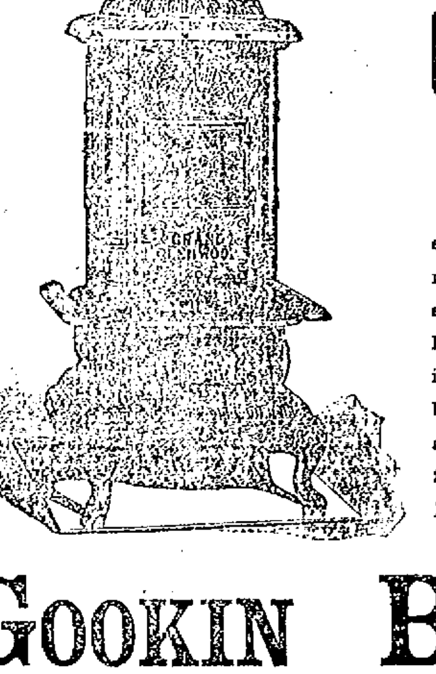
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of Prayer Books, Pearl Rosaries, Lives, Sanctuary Lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas Present at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

HOLIDAY GOODS, LOW PRICES.

We have a big line of Holiday goods, which we are selling at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big leading jewelers, 58 Merrimack street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins., 223 Central street.

F. A. M. Tobin, printing. Telephone, 656-4.

Solid gold 14 carat Ladies watches, $18.50. Harris, 10 Appleton street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson St. Telephone, 439-4.

PURE WILSON'S COAL.

Cold? Well, buy your coal of Rourke & Sullivan. It will keep your house comfortable. 223 Central street, 984 Gorham street.

REPORT OF DEATHS.

FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1897.

9— ——Carville, 2 hours, prem. birth
10—John E. Smith, 61, paralysis.
Annie M. Ryan, 21, rheumatism.
11—Benjamin Rushworth, 75, apoplexy.
Mary A. Howard, 61, chronic bronchitis.
Mary A. Murdock, 40, apoplexy.
Mary M. O'Dwyer, 3 m., bronchitis.
Everett Regan, 1 m., chol. infl.
Louis Lacourse, 2 days, debility.
12—Charles A. Ryan, 27, malignant endocarditis.
Wesley G. Edwards, 23, pneumonia.
Sadie M. Mason, 2, leukaemia.
13—Henry T. Munroe, 61, pulm. tuberculosis.
Abbie R. Waterhouse, 39, congestion of lungs.
Annie McDermott, 11, diphtheria.
14—William A. Smith 22, phthisis.
Annie Thivierge, 22, phthisis.
Marie Marcil, 1, chol. infl.
15—Jane Berry, 51, apoplexy.
John Bowen, 60, meningitis.
Michael McNamee, 50, fracture of skull.
Estelle Bernier, 46, cardiac hypertrophy.
Lena G. Gill, 1, diphtheria.
Edith L. Bennett, 2 mos., inanition.
William Foley, 1 day, cyanosis.
16—Nancy A. Prescott, 82, goitre.
Mary Cahill, 70, apoplexy.
Joseph S. Mayo, 37, pneumonia.
17—Mary A. Kimball, 70, intestinal obstruction.
—— Domingue, 1 day, prem. birth.

—Girard P. Dadman,
City Clerk.

MISS MARION STOTT

FORMALLY INTRODUCED TO SOCIETY ON SATURDAY.

Miss Marion Stott, youngest daughted of Hon. and Mrs. Charles A. Stott of Belvidere, made her formal entrance to society on Saturday, the incidental coming-out party being one of the social events of the season. Over 600 invitations were sent out and the gathering was a brilliant one.

The beautiful home of the debutante was exquisitely decorated with plants and roses. Miss Stott received in the drawing rom from 3 to 6, being assisted by Mrs. Stott. The American orchestra, hidden from view, rendered agreeable music during the reception. In the evening, there was dancing until 10 o'clock.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by the Page company at the close of the reception. Those who poured were Mrs. F. W. Howe, Mrs. F. P. Marble, Mrs. F. E. Dunbar, Mrs. Brooks Stevens, Miss Rebecca G. Norcross, and Miss Theresa White, assisted by Miss Olive Morrison of Boston, Miss Smith of Andover, Miss Wyman, Miss Estelle Irish, the Misses Conant, Miss Villette Burchard, Miss Sarah Ames, Miss Frances Plunkett, Miss Alice Rogers, Miss Lucy Stott, Miss Emily Coburn, Miss Bertha Howe and Miss Louise Taylor.

From Andover, there were, among others, Professor Churchill and Mrs. Churchill, Professor Taylor and Mrs. Taylor and representatives of the Smythe family, and from Boston Mr. and Mrs. Phipps.

WORKINGMEN AND MECHANICS, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

For sale, cheap, on easy terms, located on D street, near the Shaw Stocking company, on high and dry land, with good sewerage, convenient to schools, churches, and two lines of street cars, piped for gas and water; five cottage houses and one two-tenement house. These houses have all modern improvements and are suitably arranged for families. Part of these houses have just been completed and the rest will be finished, ready for occupancy in a very short time.

Terms liberal. A small amount down and the balance can be paid in monthly instalments.

Anyone desiring to go through these houses and inquire terms and prices, call on J. W. Bennett, the owner, at 661 Middlesex street.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

"Ayer's Cherry Pectoral saved the lives of two of my children when to all appearance they were in the first stage of Consumption."

J. W. BUFFORD, Farmington, Ia.

HALF-SIZE BOTTLES, 50c.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1897.

LOWELL.

James P. Dugdale et ux. to Catherine L. Collins, lot of land on Crowley street, $1.

Lucy B. Green to Azilda Blanchard land with buildings in Middlesex Village, $600.

Eugene G. Russell to Thomas Roach, lot of land on Midland street, $1.

Hiram Whitney to Eliza E. Sails, land with buildings on Lincoln street, $1.

Gardner S. Gilman to Lina M. Palmer land with buildings on Wilder street, $1.

Ephraim A. Stevens to Lizzie A. Hubbard, land with buildings on Clough avenue, $1.

WILMINGTON.

Alfred L. Elliott to Joseph Williams, lot of land on Glen avenue, $1.

Almer T. Bryant to John R. Carter, lot of woodland, $1.

Martha Carter et al. to John R. Carter, lot of land, $1.

Abbie F. Sargent et al. to Henry Sheldon, lot of land on Woburn street, $1.

Henry Sheldon to Marion E. Russell, lot of land, $1.

CHELMSFORD.

Thomas C. Lee trustee to Christopher McGrath, lot of land on Highland park, $1.

CARLISLE.

Alice G. Green to John J. Bradley, the Cummings farm, $4000.

DUNSTABLE.

Joel Gilson to A. D. Fessenden, the Lawrence lot, $180.

Caroline W. Cheney to Frank H. Sargent, land with buildings, $1.

DRACUT.

James Stuart Murphy to Peter Rivers, lot of land at Brookside, $1.

Arthur Lyman, trustee, to Joseph E. Richards, lot of land at Kenwood, $1.

TYNGSBORO.

Arthur H. Sheldon, exr., to Albert E. Fisher, the William Hamblett estate, $150.

BILLERICA.

Fannie P. R. Colby et al. to Daniel Gage, lot of land, $700.

TEWKSBURY.

William H. Wiggin to James F. Sawyer, land with buildings at Wigginville, $1.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The Catholic church choirs are busily engaged rehearsing Christmas music. The programs will be unusually elaborate.

Rev. Fr. Quinnan of Scranton, Pa., a classmate at Alleghany College with Rev. Fr. McHugh of this city, celebrated high mass at St. Patrick's church yesterday. The sermon was preached by Rev. P. R. Ducey, formerly of Effingham, Ill.

Rev. Edward F. Saunders of Mt. St. Mary's seminary is visiting his parents in this city.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERSHIP.

We hear the name of Mr. C. L. McCleery, managing editor of the Morning Mail, mentioned in connection with the office of License Commissioner. Mr. McCleery is one of the cleanest men in Lowell, and the mayor could not do a better thing for the city than to appoint him, in case he could be prevailed upon to accept the position, which is by no means certain. Mr. McCleery is by all odds the ablest newspaperman in Lowell and is at the head of the most influential paper in the city. His honesty is unquestioned and with him there would be no peddling of licenses and no truck and dicker transactions.—The Lookout.

PITTSBURG WANTS IT IN 1900.

STEP TAKEN TO SECURE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF G. A. R.

Pittsburg Penn., Dec. 20.—The initial step toward securing the G.A.R. national encampment for Pittsburg in 1900 was taken Sunday by the Alleghany county G.A.R. association and the plan will be adopted at the coming Cincinnati gathering.

In connection with the encampment, if it should be held here, it is proposed to unveil a soldiers' monument, to cost in the neighborhood of $500,000. The Pennsylvania legislature of 1885 passed an act empowering each county to erect a suitable soldiers' monument at the expense of the citizens, the necessary amount to be raised by taxation.

OWEN A. GALVIN.

THE REMAINS VIEWED BY THOUSANDS OF FRIENDS.

A conservative estimate placed the number of callers at the home of the late Hon. Owen A. Galvin yesterday at 2000. Every one of them was a friend of the dead lawyer and they loved him dearly.

The Clover Glee club, under the direction of Prof. McLaughlin, rendered beautifully "Te Deum," "Ave Maria," and "Under a Tree." The club had charge of the musical part of the funeral services this morning at 9 o'clock at the cathedral.

The interment was at Holyhood cemetery, Brookline. The floral offerings are among the most elaborate of the florist's art.

Friends who called yesterday had the privilege of looking upon the familiar features of Mr. Galvin, in the parlor of his house, the casket being almost hidden by massive floral tributes from friends and organizations with which he was connected.

During the day, large delegations from the Knights of St. Rose, the Foresters, and the Knights of Columbus called to tender their sympathy to Mrs. Galvin and her three boys. Each delegation held a service of prayer.

Among the well known men who called were John W. Corcoran, James E. Cotter, Thomas J. Gargan, Thomas F. Galvin, Joseph H. O'Neil, J. Mitchel Galvin, Edward A. McLaughlin, Dr. George W. Galvin, Frank L. Wells, Thomas O'Callaghan, John P. Dore, Patrick Doherty, Dr. J. J. McLaughlin, John W. Mitchell, M. T. Callahan, John W. Mitchell, M. T. Callahan, John H. Bruen, M. J. Dwyer, Judge Farrell, Judge McDonough, and Edward F. Warren.

CRISP GOSSIP.

There is nothing like an investigation if one desires to know the truth and investigations often result in far different conclusions than are derived from mere report, as the following case will show. A few evenings ago passersby on a certain street in Belvidere were convulsed with laughter at seeing a well known young man walking along with a cup of custard in one hand and the warmest kind of feminine head attire adorning his chestnut locks, namely a lady's hat, a wonderful creation of feathers and green ribbon, and such green, including the country of Cleopatra, the 17th of March and the creme de menthe shades of that delightful color, all in one picturesque bunch. The hat was held to the rather unwilling head by a couple of gorgeous "strings" which ended in white lace that rested on his manly bosom with "bib" effect. The young man patrolled several streets to the great delight of all who saw him, everyone concluding that he was paying an election bet. Such was not the case, however, and the real cause is printed just to remind those dear delightful creatures in fantastic curls, ghoulish goggles and home emancipation of the sex and sigh for the days when men were chivalrous and they were young, that there is still a spark of gallantry left in even the fin de siecle law student, for investigation reveals the fact that a couple of the most charming young ladies in Lowell had dared him to wear the hat through certain streets and that he might bask in the sunshine of their smiles, the young man, with a "die for you" air and a very much worried suite of mind had accomplished the feat without loss of any of his faculties.

MAKE USEFUL PRESENTS.

Fancy Chairs, and Rockers, China Closets, Desks, Rugs, Couches, etc. The largest line of medium price goods in the city at A. E. O'Neil's & Co.'s, 16 Merrimack street. Open every evening this week.

All reports to the contrary, the police say they do not suspect anyone employed by Colonel Parker as having taken the Jewelry Friday night.

CATARRH CURED

And In Lowell Too; Full Report of the Case.

Nasal catarrh must be cured by local treatment, and in this, cleanliness of the nasal passages is the chief end and aim. The custom of habitually hawking and snuffing should be immediately stopped; besides being disgusting, it is unnecessary and productive of positive injury.

As proof that this disease can be easily and quickly cured, we present to you the testimony of people in your own city, from whose lips, if you wish you can learn if it is true. Here is a case:

Mrs. Annie Burns, who lives at 65 Elm street, says, "I got C. C. C. for my daughter Lizzie, who has suffered for the last two years with catarrh, it causing her much trouble and annoyance, by keeping her continually snuffling, hemming, hawking and spitting to keep her voice clear. She also had severe headaches. Now all these symtoms have entirely vanished and to C. C. C., California Catarrh Cure, we give credit and cannot speak too highly in its praise."

California Catarrh Cure is for you, too; in case of colds it is invaluable, as it helps in breaking them up, and entirely prevents a cold "hanging on" as well as attacks of acute catarrh which so often follow a severe cold in the head.

whether from the elongated palate.

In the case of tickling in the throat or superabundant secretions, gargling with California Catarrh Cure will afford relief and cure. Remember two things: Catarrh in any form is a local not a blood disease. It can be cured by California Catarrh Cure.

All dealers, 50 cents; three times as much, one dollar.

Get California Catarrh Cure. Take no substitute, for thousands of people, your own neighbors, say that nothing else gives such great relief, and nothing else will cure.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

"I Would Go Tonight If I Only Had a Dress Suit."

How many times have you said that? You want to make a good appearance this winter. Well we are right up to date and can suit you right. If you need a Dress Suit or anything in the tailoring line, come to us.

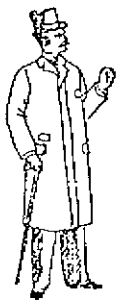
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Formerly of Fifth Avenue, New York Importer and Tailor,

NO. 65 CENTRAL STREET.

LOWELL.

$1.00 PER WEEK PAYMENTS



START NOW!

Come yourself and bring your wife and children and get fitted out in a nice Suit or Overcoat for yourself, or a stylish Jacket, Cape or Skirt for your wife. A very small payment gets them now and then you pay balance while wearing them.

Men's Nobby Suits $5 and up.
Men's Nobby O'Coats $6 and up.
Men's Custom Made Suits $15 and up.
Ladies' Jackets $5 and up.

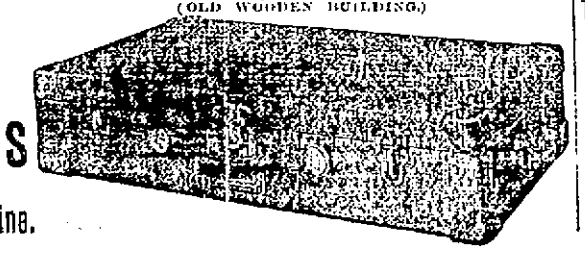
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Dress Suit Cases

The largest assortment of Dress Suit Cases, Ladies' Suit Cases, Handbags, Pocket Books, Valises and other practical and useful Christmas present bargains at

Lowell Trunk Manufactory, 70 and 72 Middlesex Street, (OLD WOODEN BUILDING.)



P. F. Devine.

Xmas Week —AT THE— BON MARCHE

A bit of good luck, coupled with our usual untiring endeavors to please our thousands of customers, places on our counters this week, three lots of Holiday Goods at the LITTLEST PRICES EVER KNOWN.

The first is a purchase of almost an entire factory stock consisting of thousands of pieces of beautiful hand painted hand made celluloid boxes, baskets, frames, cards, opal ware, etc., etc., at a mere faction of their value and which we will sell while they last for less than the price of the labor in making same.

5 Cents.

Hand Painted Celluloid Boxes, Silk Puffed.
Hand Painted Opal Vases.
Beautiful Silverette Trays Boxes, etc., etc.

10 Cents.

Hand Painted Silk and Celluloid Handkerchief, Glove, Necktie, Jewel and Veil Boxes, beautiful goods, some of which are worth 50 cents and none worth less than 25 cents.
There is also in this lot Opal Bon Bon Plates, hand painted and ribboned.
Silver novelties in all shapes and sizes same price 10 cents.

15c or 2 for 25c.

Hand Painted Novelties, Celluloid and Silk in Handkerchief, Glove, Necktie and Jewel Cases made to retail for 50 and 75 cents, your choice for 15 cents or 2 for 25 cents.

25 Cents

Hand-made and hand-painted 50c. to $1.00 goods, Fan Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Veil Boxes in Celluloid, Silk, Japan Silver, Austrian grass, etc. etc.

39 Cents

Baskets, Boxes and Cases, hand-painted, hand-made, with beautiful floral designs in all shapes and colors for Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuffs, Fans, Jewelry, Brush and Comb, Gloves, Neckties, Pins and Trinkets. These are artistic Novelties and cost as high as one dollar each at wholesale.

49 Cents.

An exquisite assortment of $1 00, $1.50 to $3.00, novelties to Lacquerad goods, Celluloid, Silk and Austrian Baskets, all artistically hand-painted and ornamented, strongly put together, not easily broken. Extraordinary values.

The second is a purchase of several hundred pieces of "STOCK SAMPLES" of the finest embossed Celluloid Cases, manufactured, Stock samples, means that they have been on exhibition at the Factory but have not been handled therefore are not injured in any way. The foregoing with our own fresh stock just opened and with the prices cut to correspond with the samples will make this the most elaborate line of highest grade goods ever shown here and lastly and leastly, is the price, Exquisite goods for nominal prices. The lot comprises Toilet Cases, Manicure Cases, Fan Cases, Glove Cases, Shaving Cases, Cuff and Collar Cases, Puff Cases, Mirror Cases and Combination Cases.

Prices from 25c. to $9.98 The above are spread out on special counters near dress-goods department.

The third is a purchase of

HOLIDAY APRONS

which will be displayed and offered for sale at 9.30 o'clock TODAY at such small prices that to secure any you must come quick.

12½ Cents.

Lace Trimmed Aprons,
Nainsook Fancy Aprons,
Hemmed Lawn Aprons,

19 Cents.

Beautiful Hamburg Trimmed Aprons, Aprons worth 25 cents, easy for 19 cents.
All kinds of Aprons, Aprons, Aprons.

25 Cents.

Such Aprons have been and are sold as high as 50 cents. We bought them at 50 per cent, off of regular price, so here they are, Lace and Hamburg trimmed and insertion all for 25 cents.

39 Cents.

Some 50 and 75 cent Aprons in this lot cute little things in different shapes and lengths. Also larger Aprons in great variety. See this lot.

49c, 75c, 98c.

These three prices represent the 3 best values in high grade Aprons, Aprons ever shown in Lowell.
The 49 cent Aprons are worth twice as much.
The 75 cent Aprons are worth twice as much.
The 98 cent Aprons are worth twice as much.
Trimmed with Lace, Hamburgs and Insertions.

N. B. Nothing will be carried over. These five days means dollars and dollars to you (Mrs. Readers) if you follow your better judgment and come to our 6 days' holiday sacrificing sale.
THE Toys are being dumped into ½ price lots and they are going like hot cakes in the basement.
Let's help make your Christmas merry!

Some Extra Nice Goods SPECIALLY VALUABLE AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Make your selections the first of the week if possible, as the assortments are now complete.

Bags and Purses, very suitable, a full assortment. Bags 50c. upwards. Purses 10c. upwards. Pocketbooks 25c. upwards.

Linen Goods, just the thing for a Christmas Gift. Satin Damask Towels, hemstitched and fringed at from 25c. per pair up to $2. Satin Damask Table Sets, imported, all sizes at extra low prices.

Jackets and Collarettes make very acceptable presents. See our line before purchasing.

Fancy articles very appropriate, such as Cuff Boxes, Collar Boxes, Handkerchief Cases, Fancy Glassware, Cushions, etc., etc.

Remember that we strive to please everybody. Satisfaction guaranteed.

APRONS—Every lady wants one. Latest styles, fine qualities at from 25c. up to $3.50.

GLOVES—The ladies are always pleased to receive a pair of our Gloves in a nice fancy box. Prices range from 75c. to $1.50.

DRESS PATTERNS—Gentlemen nothing would please your wife, mother, sister or your "lady friend" any more than to have you give her a nice Dress Pattern. We can show you some extra fine goods at reasonable prices. Visit us and buy one and you will be satisfied.

HOSIERY and UNDERWEAR—These are welcomed in every house. You can please all by purchasing some of our qualities of Hosiery and Underwear. Prices are very low.

COOK, TAYLOR & CO.

CENTRAL STREET.

O'Donnell & Gilbride Co.

Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Streets.

A GIGANTIC SMASHING UP OF PRICES ON CHRISTMAS GOODS

FIVE DAYS

left in which we are bound to clear up every dollars' worth of Xmas Goods in our mammoth establishment. Nearly $3000 worth of Toys, Dolls, Games, etc., to be closed out during the next five days at 5c. on the Dollar.

Fire Engines, Hook and Ladders, Passenger Trains, Freight with Caboose, The Clown Bank, the Bear Hunt Bank, the Kicking Mule Bank, Children's Iron Beds and Stoves, Children's Wash Sets, Blackboards, Sleds, Rocking Horses, Doll Tables and Carriages, Boys' Tool Chests, Express Wagons, Magic Lanterns, Writing Desks, etc., all at

Half Price the Balance of This Week.

GAMES—3 Special Bargains.

Pillow Dex, Jack and the Beanstalk and Robinson Crusoe games, at 10 CENTS EACH.

CHRISTMAS APRONS.

3 new lots go on sale today. Over 100 dozen Aprons bought by us last week, the cleaning up odds and ends of a manufacturer's stock, will be offered today at about half their real worth. The prices are 25c., 39c. and 49c. EACH.

Electric Seal Jackets and Muffs at greatly Reduced Prices This Week.

1 lot of Electric Seal Jackets, good quality, at $17.50.
A special lot of Electric Jackets, this week at $25.00.
An extra good quality Electric Seal Coats, this week. $35.00.

We have two different lots of Electric Seal Muffs, bought at a very great discount from regular prices, which we will offer this week at $2.98 AND $3.98 EACH.

O'DONNELL & GILBRIDE CO.